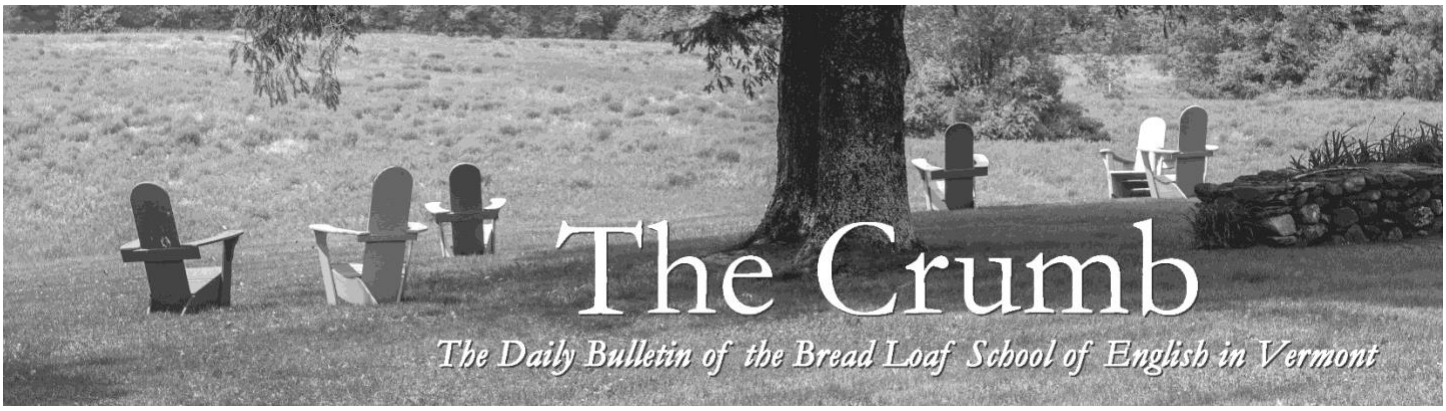

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Auditions

If you are interested in being a part of this summer's theatre production—adaptations of *Jane Eyre* by Bread Loaf's own Brian McEleney, then you are in luck! Auditions are Wednesday at 7pm in the theater! **All are welcome, no acting experience or preparation is required, and if you play an instrument you are highly encouraged to audition.** This is a great opportunity to work with an incredible group of professional actors and take part in a beloved BLVT tradition.

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This Thursday evening we will have our first Pond Reading of the summer semester. Join us at the firepit behind The Barn at 9pm and then a reception with *libations and drinks* afterwards. Stay tuned to The Crumb this week for more info.

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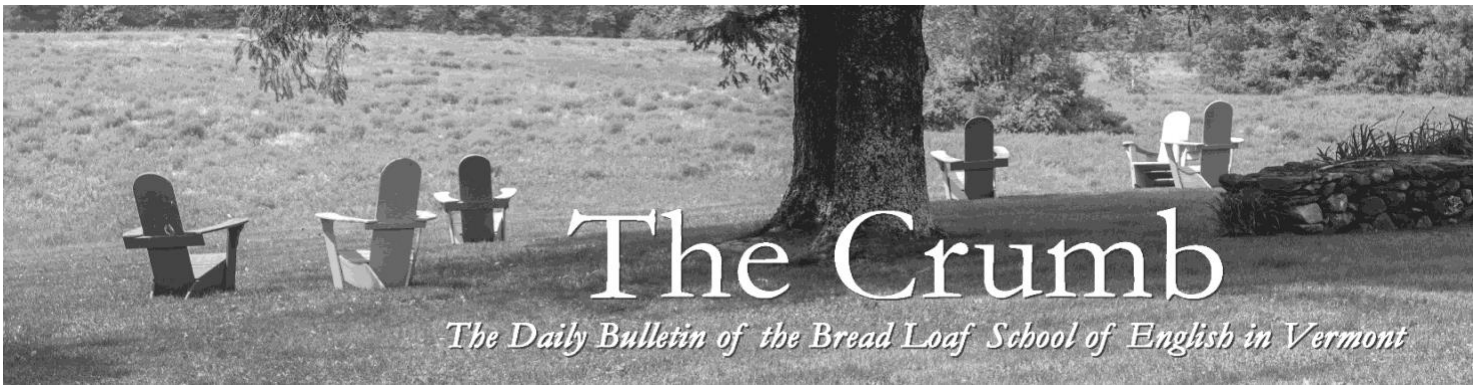

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An important reminder: as per Vermont state law, **you're not permitted to bring alcoholic beverages to the reading or any school-sponsored events. After the reading, however, you are welcome to enjoy what we serve afterwards in (and only in) the designated tent area. See you there! We've ordered excellent weather.

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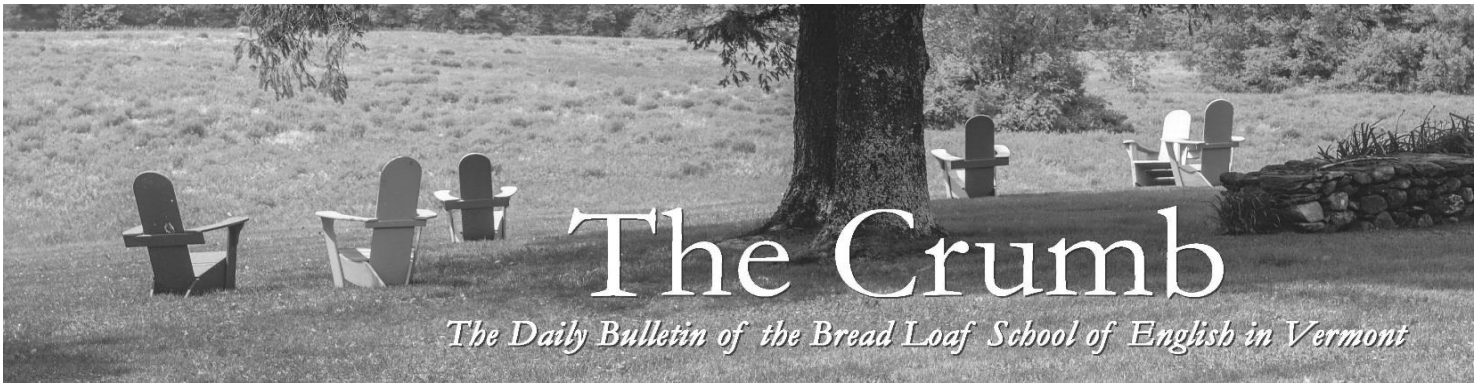

Weekend Edition **Volume 100, Number 3**
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Happening TODAY	**7/1 - Orientation for First Years - Barn, 1:30-2:30pm** **CALLING ALL FIRST YEAR STUDENTS!** Please join us for a first-year orientation today in the Barn, 1:30-2:30, where we'll do some cohort building, discuss expectations, learning goals and calendar highlights for the summer as well as answer any burning academic or programmatic questions you may have now that you've officially completed your first in-person week on the mountain top. **7/1 - Senior Meeting and Reception – Barn 4-5pm, Tent 5-6pm** All seniors should meet in the Barn today at 4-5pm. You'll be choosing a class president and graduation speaker and hooder. There will be a reception afterwards – 5-6pm in the TENT – **to honor you! Faculty and staff PLEASE come to the reception and help us celebrate our class of 2022.** **7/1 - The Appalachian Gap String Band plays in the Barn this Friday night!** Listen to this Vermont-based string band playing the Appalachian music they know and love on Friday 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. in the Barn. Composed of professional and gifted amateur musicians, the band is named for the nearby Appalachian Gap. Hiking the Gap trails is not a prerequisite for attending the concert but is a great outing: https://www.greenmountainclub.org/hiking/hikevt/appalachian-gap/
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- **Davis Library:**

Check out a historical exhibition about the origins of Bread Loaf in the central atrium, featuring eleven cases of artifacts and photos which cover the transformation of Bread Loaf from a working farm to an Inn to its gifting to Middlebury College, and more!

- **Middlebury Museum of Art:**

Stop by the Text ⇆ Image exhibit, exploring the relationships between words, text, and meaning. Students are encouraged to contribute written responses to the pieces in the collection and also attend the reception on July 14th at 4PM.

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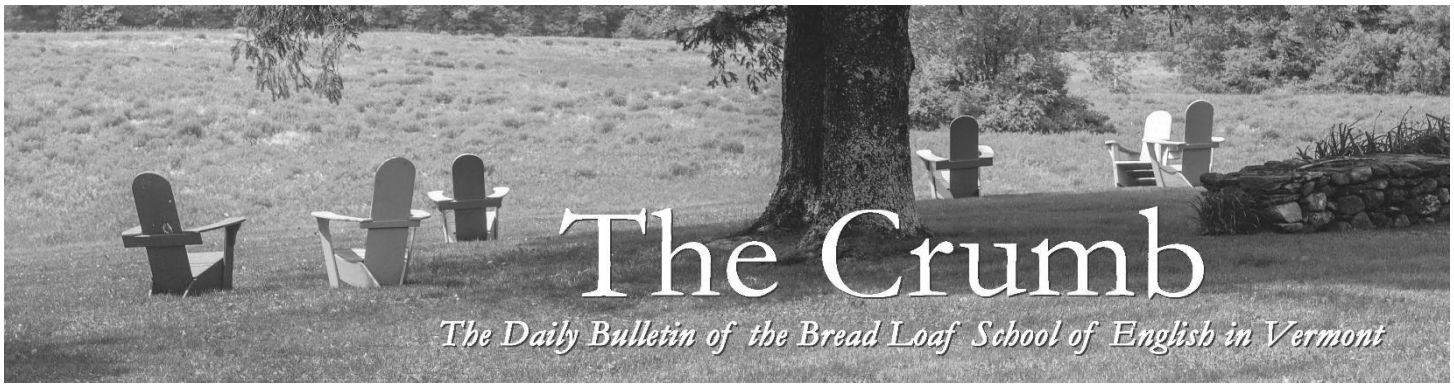

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Weather Report: Wow! The weather looks nice this week. Temperatures in the mid-70s, with a 58% chance of rain on Wednesday. Enjoy!	**Drew Lecture: Writing - Access** Brenda Brueggemann 7:30 pm/Barn Masks required **Drew Lecture Reception** 8:30 pm/Big Tent	**Students of Color Meeting** 7:30 pm/Treman **Blue Parlor Reading** 8:30 pm/Big Tent	**Scholarship Recipient Reception** 5 pm/Big Tent	**BLTN Meeting** 7:30 pm/Barn 101 **Pond Reading** 9 pm/Pond Firepit **Post-Pond Reading Refreshments** 10 pm/Big Tent	**Tai Chi** 4 pm/Meet at the Barn

Happening Today

Elizabeth Drew Lecture: Brenda Bruggemann

The **Elizabeth Drew Memorial Lecture** is held every year in honor of the poet, teacher, and literary critic who taught at Bread Loaf from 1941-1963. At least one of Drew's Bread Loaf classes had an enrollment of 92, so it was held in the Little Theater to accommodate everyone. It is said that Drew convinced Sylvia Plath to switch her major from studio art to literature. Drew's writing focused on the process of reading and understanding literature, especially poetry.

This year's Elizabeth Drew Lecture will be delivered by Brenda Bruggemann. In the interest of time, *The Crumb* staff asked Brenda to interview herself:

Q: *If a "lecture" drops in the barn and there is noone to pick it up, did it really happen?*
A: Let's not try to find out the answer to this philosophical, epistemological, ontological question, okay? Come to watch the lecture drop.
Q: *Will there be fireworks?*
A: Sorta. Not the noisy or pyrotechnical kind. But definitely the engaged and interactive kind. And there will also be "American" things.
Q: *Will there be a quiz? How many points will it be worth? What will be on it? Will it be graded on the curve?*
A: No, none, nothing, no. There will, however, be interaction.
Q: *But seriously, what's it about?*
A: A multimodal presentation (making use of video, audio, audience interaction, creative reading, literary history, rhetorical analysis) all centered around these triangulated questions: How does writing prevent/create/shape/subvert/advance access? How do *you* access writing? How does writing make identity and change?

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To Keep in Mind	**POLICY MOMENT** Just a few reminders of the campus policies that will help ensure our collective well-being: ● 125 is, alas, a major highway: **please don't park along the side of the road** and be careful as you cross, or walk/run/muse beside it. ● Vermont laws dictate that all alcohol served at a program event **must be consumed within the designated time/place for that event**. Remember too that you are not permitted to bring your own alcoholic beverages to any events sponsored by Bread Loaf. ● If your dog is visiting our campus, **said dog must be on a leash.**
Covid Updates	**COVID MOMENT** Starting Sunday, July 3, masks are optional ***except in:*** classrooms, on the first floor of the Inn (including the Lobby area, Blue Parlor, offices, and the dining room buffet line), and at designated events. Congratulations for making it through the five-day masking period! Thanks to everyone for doing your part in keeping us healthy. Smile, smile, smile! PCR testing is available on campus at the Milk House (small house to the right of the barn) **Tuesday and Thursday, 12-2 pm.**
Crumb Update	***The Crumb* Staff Change** Due to unforeseen circumstances, our original *Crumb* editor had to leave the mountain. Coming out of digital retirement — and doubling down from the Bread Loaf Oxford campus — our editor this summer is Joan Weber, MA '17, aided by cub reporter Jennifer Brown, MA '94. Please email *The Crumb* staff with tips, announcements, events, and words of encouragement: blsecrumb2022@gmail.com. And do not hesitate to post your news and events directly on BreadWeb!

	You can add your own graphics, links, and whatnot to your post. All editions of *The Crumb* will be posted on BreadWeb because *The Crumb* staffers became big fans of all things BreadWeb during the digital summer last year. We hope to see you all on Bread Web!
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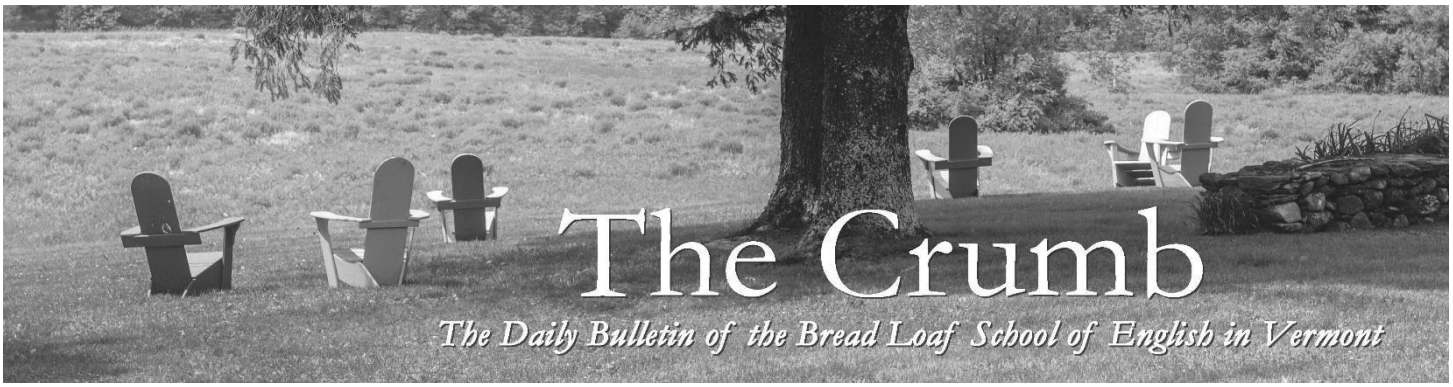

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Happening Today

Blue Parlor
8:30 pm/Big Tent

Today's self-interview is by Kelsey Hennegan, Blue Parlor coordinator this summer.

What is Blue Parlor?
We have a tradition of coming together on a weekly basis to hear and celebrate our peers' writing. Anyone is welcome to read their work (poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction). There is a suggested weekly theme, which you are welcome to embrace or eschew!

Where and when is Blue Parlor?
Tuesday evenings from 8:30 - 10:00 p.m. in the Big Tent. All genres welcome; reading slots are up to 10 min. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing your work!

How do I sign up?
There will be a weekly sign-up page posted by the entrance to the Dining Room. Each reader is invited to read for up to 10 minutes (though I'm thinking we might mix things up one week and try more slots for less time, but I'll let you know!)

Is BP happening this week?
Yes! I know you've had very little notice, but I'm hoping to recruit a few readers. If people aren't ready to read just yet, I'm thinking we'll run a little generative free writing event that will close with the opportunity to share.

Announcements

Letterpress Lives at Bread Loaf
The presses in the Printer's Cabin, like many of us, are a little creaky after sitting around for three years. But they will be ready to roll this week. We will soon be posting hours and days when you will be welcome to come and use the presses in connection with your classes or simply for your own joy! Sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Dining Room.

And the Winners Are…
The results are in for the first annual New Student Mentoring Program Scavenger Hunt! Our brilliant teams spent the weekend answering important questions such as, *"Who held court in the Barn in the big fan-backed rattan chair with the red cushion?"* (answer: Robert Frost!) and *"Who is a front desk staff member who has biked to Canada and back in a single day?"* (answer: Edward Brown and Kalli Federhofer!); making origami sculptures; and finding more BLSE T-shirts than you could imagine. Congratulations to the winning teams of **Tim Milner and Sam Clark** and **Judith Williams, Jenna Russell, and Claire Federhofer**. Winners, please stop by Inn 224 to pick up your prizes!

Bread Loaf LGBTQ+ Interest Group Meeting
This Thursday, 5-6 pm, an interest group for LGBTQ students and staff will be meeting by the Inn. Pick up a picnic blanket at the Front Desk..

A Note from *The Bread Loaf Journal*
The Bread Loaf Journal invites all writers, poets, playwrights, artisans, and visual artists to submit works that explore the idea of **REFUGE** in any of its literal and thematic interpretations. Please submit a double-spaced Word document (.docx) in 12-point font with 2000 words or less. Remove your name from your submission and include a document title which matches the uploaded file name by **July 12** to https://bit.ly/bljournal. Email: rnoli@middlebury.edu or mleazer@middlebury.edu

Need Help With BreadWeb?
Bread Loaf Techie Tom McKenna will be offering a virtual orientation session for BreadWeb, BLSE's online community, Tuesday, July 5 at 7 pm Eastern. Register through the BreadWeb event, which will be great practice. If you're not able to make either of these sessions, Tom welcomes your BreadWeb questions via tpmckenn@middlebury.edu or Direct Message on BreadWeb.

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Kronos Quartet

Monday, July 11, 2022 7.30 pm
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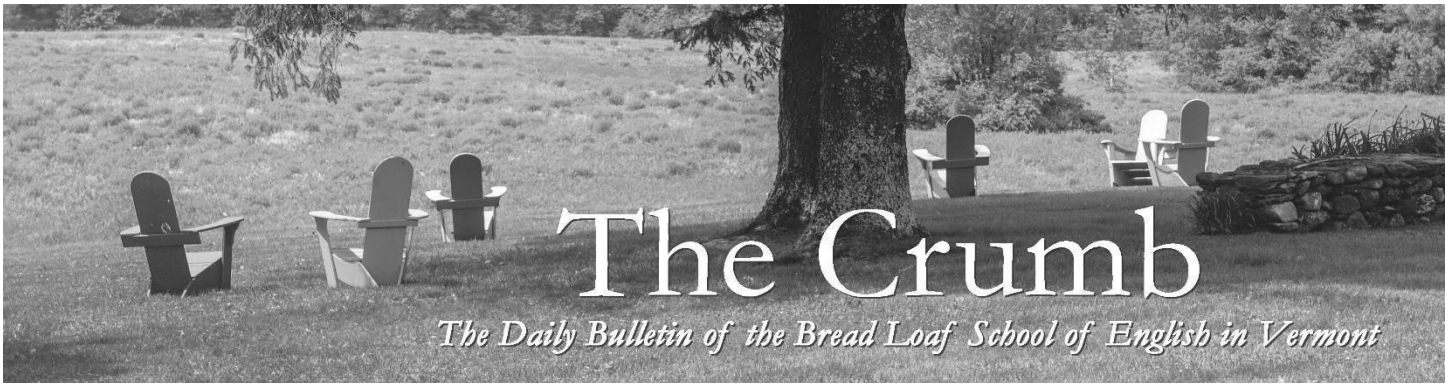

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WEEKLY OVERVIEW	**WEDNESDAY**	**THURSDAY**	**FRIDAY**	**SATURDAY**	**SUNDAY**
Weather Report: Maybe it will rain today, maybe it won't. Life is filled with mysteries, but as the author Alfred Wainwright (as well as MacNair Randal) has said, "There is no bad weather, only unsuitable clothing."	**Scholarship & Fellowship Recipient Reception** 5 pm/Big Tent	**LGBTQ+ Interest Group Meeting** 5 pm/Outside the Inn **BLTN Meeting** 7 pm/Barn 101 Masks required **Pond Reading** 9 pm/Pond Firepit **Post-Pond Reading Refreshments** 10 pm/Tent	**Tai Chi** 4 pm/Meet at the Barn **Post-Colonial Literature Workshop with Margery and Jim Sabin** 11 am/TBA **Game Night** 8 pm/Barn	**Zoom Yoga** 9 am/Barn 101 **Hike to Burnt Hill** 10 am/Inn **Karaoke Night** 8:30 pm/Barn	**Kronos Quartet Open Rehearsal** 1:30-3 pm/Little Theater **Kronos Quartet Composers Workshop** 4-5 pm/Big Tent

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	Open Rehearsals in the Little Theater Have you walked by the theater lately and heard actors at work? All rehearsals in the Little Theater are open to the Bread Loaf community. Rehearsals run 4-6 pm and 7-10 pm on most days, except for Saturdays. Come by anytime to watch! Come on in and have a seat; you won't be interrupting. Please wear a mask if you join us. (Note: The Kronos Quartet is rehearsing in the Little Theater this coming Sunday – open rehearsal is 1:30-3 pm.) **Interested in submitting to *The Bread Loaf Journal* but are unsure what to write about?** On Thursday, July 7, at 5 pm, there will be a writing workshop in Barn 102. We will bounce ideas off each other, brainstorm, and discuss the theme of "Refuge." If you have questions, we will answer them! We look forward to seeing you there. **Letterpress is OPEN** The Letterpress is officially open for business, and a sign-up sheet is posted outside of the Dining Room on the bulletin board. Please sign up for a session. No experience necessary. **The Library can help with research!** Are you beginning to brainstorm paper topics and wondering where to find books and articles in support of your work? We're here to help. First, please visit the **BLSE LibGuide** (go/blseguide/) which highlights many of the library resources at your fingertips. Two other great places to look: the library catalog **MIDCAT** (go/midcat/), where you can find books and media items (and have them delivered to Davison -- we're happy to show you how!). Finally, visit **LibrarySearch** (go/librarysearch/) which searches everything in MIDCAT along with our journals and databases, so your results include not only books but journal and newspaper articles, book reviews, and much more. There's an abundance of resources out there, and the Library staff is here to help you sift through it all. –Kellam Ayres, Liaison to the Bread Loaf Programs (kayres@middlebury.edu) **From the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble** SUBMISSIONS WANTED: Celebration! This is your chance to have your writing celebrated! The Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble, together with the students of Theatrical Practice and Radical Empathy in the Classroom, will present a theatrical evening based on student and community writing. We are asking for submissions of original writing. This could be something you wrote before this summer or something you write this week! We need them by the end of the day on Saturday, July 9. The theme of the event is Celebration! Please submit your work by emailing Lianna at lbessette@middlebury.edu with "Celebration" in the subject line.
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What's Happening on BreadWeb	**Bread Web Tip #1: Groups** To form a group, go to Tools - BLSE Resources - Request BreadWeb Group. Groups are a great way to organize activities with folks who want to do the same thing or for groups of people who want to talk about the same thing. In a group, you can set up an events calendar specific to your group, as well as store resources such as website links and files. The best thing is that everything to do with your interest area is on one contained timeline. Questions about groups, contact Tom McKenna.
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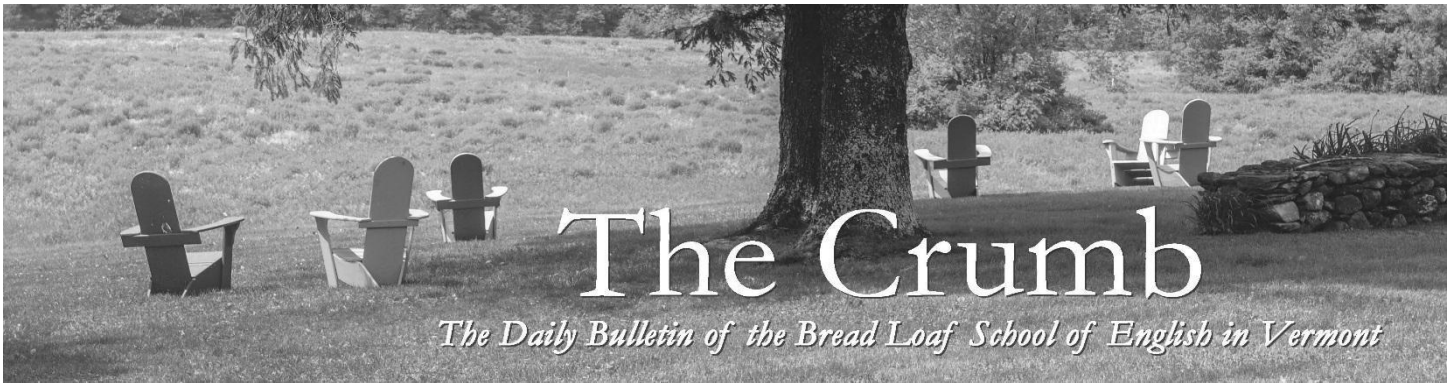

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Weather Report It looks to be the kind of day for reading from the comfort of an Adirondack chair. In other words, it is going to be a beautiful Vermont day. High 74F, with 1% chance of rain *Maybe hang up a hammock somewhere?*	**LGBTQ+ Interest Group Meeting** 5 pm/West Lawn **Bread Loaf Journal Writing Workshop** 5pm/Barn 102 **BLTN Meeting** 7 pm/Barn 101 Masks required **Pond Reading** 9 pm/Pond Firepit **Post-Pond Reading Refreshments** 10 pm/Big Tent	**Post-Colonial Literature Workshop with Margery & Jim Sabin** 11 am/TBA **Tai Chi** 4 pm/Meet at the Barn **Game Night** 8 pm/Barn	**Zoom Yoga** 9 am/Barn 101 **Vermont Hike to Burnt Hill** 10 am/Inn **Karaoke Night** 8:30 pm/Barn	**Kronos Quartet Open Rehearsal** 1:30 pm/Little Theater **Kronos Quartet Composers Workshop** 4 pm/Big Tent	**Kronos Quartet Performance** 7:30 pm/Little Theater

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Announcements	**Faculty!** Graduation regalia measurements are due…please respond ASAP to DA Brenda Healy's email, which was sent to your middlebury.edu address. (Seniors, be on the lookout for an email from Elaine.) **Bread Loaf's Got Talent?** If you are interested in performing at the Bread Loaf Coffee House, please sign up at shorturl.at/aiJO5. **From the Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble** SUBMISSIONS WANTED: Celebration! *This is your chance to have your writing celebrated!* The Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble, together with the students of Theatrical Practice and Radical Empathy in the Classroom, will present a theatrical evening based on student and community writing. We are asking for submissions of original writing. This could be something you wrote before this summer or something you write this week! We need them by the end of the day on Saturday, July 9. The theme of the event is Celebration! Please submit your work by emailing Lianna at lbessette@middlebury.edu with "Celebration" in the subject line. **This Summer's Writing Contests** BLSE runs two contests each summer, with cash prizes for the best original poetry and the best original short fiction by a student enrolled at any of our campuses. • **Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest**: Enter one to two poems with a maximum of 40 lines per poem. Deadline: July 24. • **Fiction Prize:** Enter no more than 10 double-spaced pages. Deadline: July 20. Please note that by entering the contests, you give permission for your work to be printed and distributed (and, of course, celebrated). Email submissions to Karen Browne (kbrowne@middlebury.edu). **Calling all good writers!** Yes, we are talking to you. Do you need someone to read your amazing work and help you make it even better? Then sign up now for an appointment at the Ken Macrorie Writing Center. Walk-ins are also welcome! Join our page on BreadWeb for more information. **The Library can help with research!** Are you beginning to brainstorm paper topics and wondering where to find books and articles in support of your work? We're here to help. First, please visit the **BLSE LibGuide** (go/blseguide/) which highlights many of the library resources at your fingertips. Two other great places to look: the library catalog **MIDCAT** (go/midcat/), where you can find books and media items (and have them delivered to Davison -- we're happy to show you how!). Finally, visit **LibrarySearch** (go/librarysearch/) which searches everything in MIDCAT along with our journals and databases, so your results include not only books but journal and newspaper articles, book reviews, and much more. There's an abundance of resources out there, and the Library staff is here to help you sift through it all. –Kellam Ayres, Liaison to the Bread Loaf Programs (kayres@middlebury.edu)

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COVID update	This week, there are three active cases on campus. Individuals are in quarantine. Please continue to mask up, and practice your social distancing! If you have (non-urgent) questions, email blse@middlebury.edu. Mailbox is monitored Monday-Friday.
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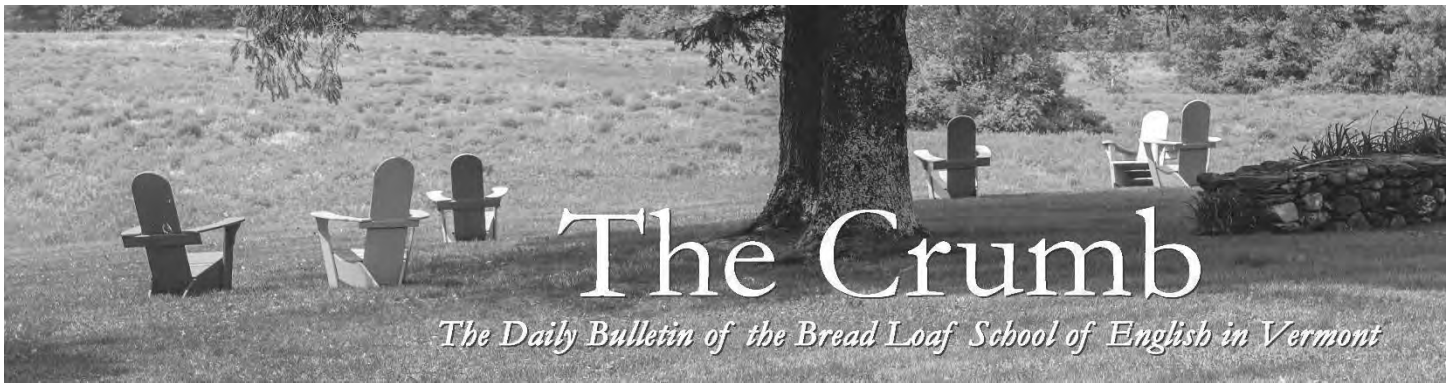

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July 8-10, 2022

WEEKLY OVERVIEW	**FRIDAY**	**SATURDAY**	**SUNDAY**	**MONDAY**	**TUESDAY**
Weather Report: This weekend's weather looks ideal for outdoor activities (so many options), but also perfect to listen to Kronos Quartet! Mid-70s every day, low chance of rain, partly cloudy skies. Enjoy the weekend!	**Post-Colonial Literature Workshop with Margery & Jim Sabin** 11 am/Big Tent **Tai Chi** 4 pm/Meet at the Barn **Game Night** 8 pm/Barn	**Zoom Yoga** 9 am/Barn 101 **Hike to Burnt Hill** 10 am/Inn **Karaoke Night** 8:30 pm/Barn	**Running Club** 10 am/Annex **Kronos Quartet Open Rehearsal** 1:30 pm/Little Theater **Kronos Quartet Composers Workshop** 4 pm/Big Tent **Film Night: *Hamilton*** 8 pm/Barn	**Trustees Visit Campus** 1 pm/Campus **Kronos Quartet Performance** 7:30 pm/Little Theater **Kronos Quartet Reception** 9:30 pm/Big Tent	**Students of Color Meeting** 7:30 pm/Treman **Blue Parlor** 8:30 pm/Big Tent

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Yoga — Saturday Morning @ 9 am
Grab a mat and mosey on down to Barn 101 for a live Zoom yoga class. See the BreadWeb calendar for details.

Saturday Hike to Burnt Hill @ 10 am - 4 pm
Good clean fun. Sign up at the Front Desk.

Saturday Deadline for "Celebration"
Your creative submissions to the Acting Ensemble are due by the end of day Saturday via email to lbessette@middlebury.edu. Include "Celebration" in the subject line.

Sunday Running Club
Super informal running club starts this Sunday at 10 am. Meet on the porch of Annex. All abilities of runners and walkers are welcome.

Kronos Quartet Open Rehearsal
Stop by the Little Theater between 1:30 and 3 pm on Sunday to listen as Kronos Quartet prepares a new piece for performance. Just like Acting Ensemble rehearsals, we ask that you enter quietly and

wear a mask. Having Kronos on campus is another way that Bread Loaf takes us away from our regular lives and immerses us in the artistic process. One particular editor of *The Crumb* is quite disappointed to be thousands of miles away from this experience.

Composers Workshop
The Big Tent will host a Composers Workshop with composers **Mazz Swift** and **Nicole Lizée** on Sunday, 4-5 pm. This informal workshop is for anyone who composes, who has thought about composing, or who is interested in the artistic process. It is hard to put in words what a unique opportunity this is for the Bread Loaf community.

Critically acclaimed as one of America's most talented and versatile performers today, Violin/Vox/Freestyle Composition artist Mazz Swift has engaged audiences all over the world with the signature weaving of song, melody and improvisation that they call MazzMuse. As a singer, composer and Juilliard-trained violinist who plays electronic and acoustic instruments, Mazz has performed and recorded with a diverse accumulation of artists, including The Silkroad Ensemble, Vernon Reid, Valerie June, Whitney Houston, DJ Logic, Kanye West, D'Angelo. Mx. Swift is a 2021 United States Artist and 2019 Jerome Hill Artist Fellow, currently working on a series of compositions that involve conducted improvisation, and that are centered around protest, spirituals, and the Ghanaian concept of 'Sankofa': looking back to learn how to move forward.

Called "a brilliant musical scientist" (CBC), "breathtakingly inventive" (Sydney Times Herald, Australia), and lauded for "creating a stir with listeners for her breathless imagination and ability to capture Gen-X and beyond generation" (Winnipeg Free Press), award-winning composer and video artist composer **Nicole Lizée** creates new music from an eclectic mix of influences including the earliest MTV videos, turntablism, rave culture, Hitchcock, Kubrick, Alexander McQueen, thrash metal, early video game culture, 1960s psychedelia and 1960s modernism. She is fascinated by the glitches made by outmoded and well-worn technology and captures these glitches, notates them, and integrates them into live performance.

Sunday Film Night: *Hamilton*
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Kronos Quartet	**In Case You Missed It: Kronos Quartet is coming this weekend!** Kronos Quartet is considered the greatest interpreter of contemporary classical music in the world. Founded in 1974 with a mission to advance contemporary music, the quartet has commissioned more than 800 original works from composers across the world, such as Phillip Glass and Terry Riley. Kronos has received more than 40 awards, including the Polar Music, Avery Fisher, and Edison Klassiek Oeuvre Prizes, some of the

most prestigious awards given to musicians. For more about Kronos, here's a 5-minute YouTube film: "Meet Kronos Quartet," directed by Sam Green.

The Bread Loaf community is invited to attend:

- **Open rehearsal**: Sunday, July 10, 1:30-3 pm in the Little Theater
- **Workshop with the composers:** Sunday, July 10, 4-5 pm, Big Tent
  Come with your questions for composers Mazz Swift and Nicole Lizée.
- **Performance:** Monday, July 11, 7:30 pm in the Little Theater
  You may share the link: The Kronos Quartet concert will be livestreamed https://vimeo.com/event/2263183 (password is breadloaf0711).

Kronos Quartet Program
(subject to change)

Maduswara
Peni Candra Rini (arr. Jacob Garchik)

Who is Calling?
Alexandra du Bois *world premiere*

John Brown's Body
Ken Benshoof

Campaign Songs #1
Michael Gordon

ZonelyHearts
Nicole Lizée *world premiere*

INTERMISSION

Tegere Tulon: V. Janety
Hawa Kassé Mady Diabaté (arr. Jacob Garchik)

Strange Fruit
(inspired by Billie Holiday) Abel Meeropol (arr. Jacob Garchik)

God Shall Wipe All Tears Away
(inspired by Mahalia Jackson) Antonio Haskell (arr. Jacob Garchik)

She Is A Story, Herself
Mazz Swift *world premiere*

Use this Link to stream the Concert on Monday. Password: breadloaf0711

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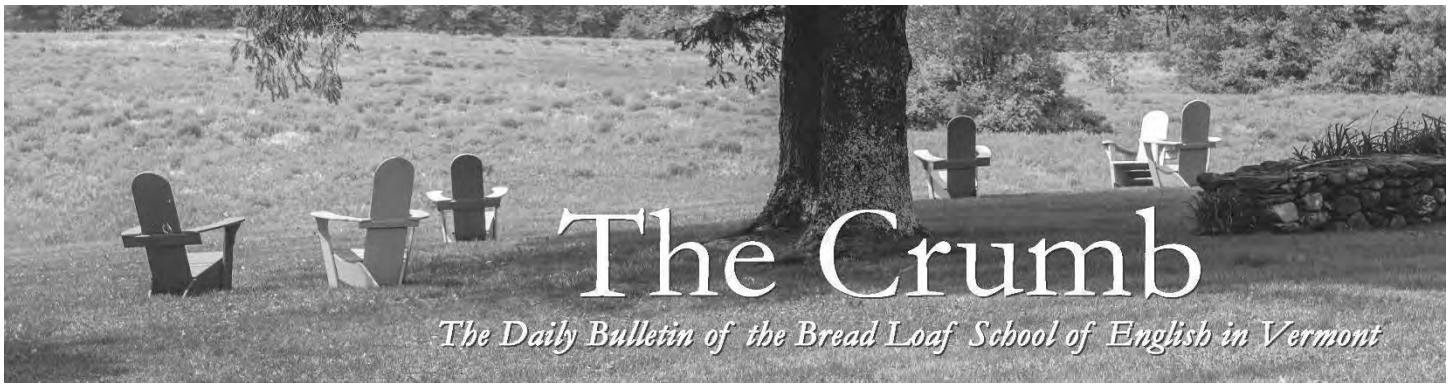

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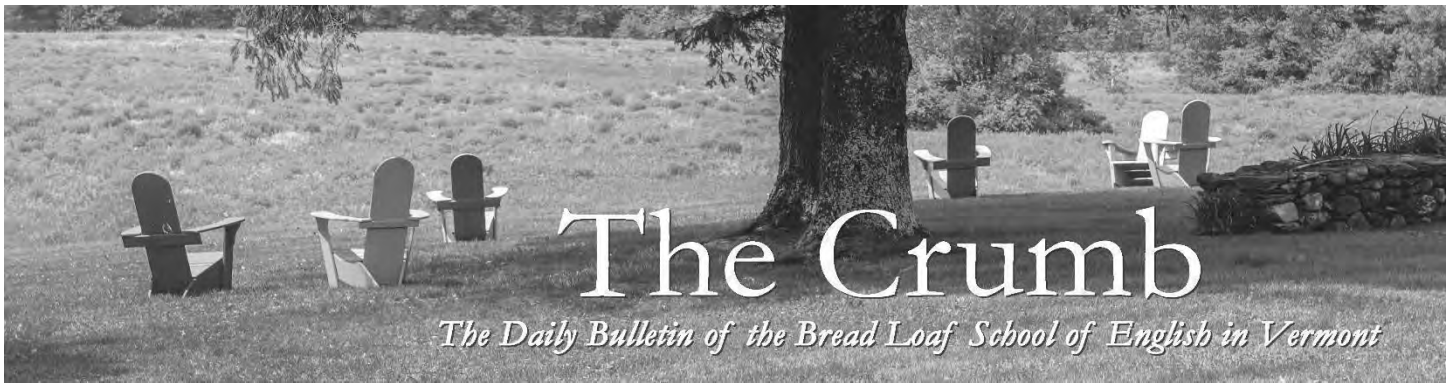

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Thanks, Food Buddies!
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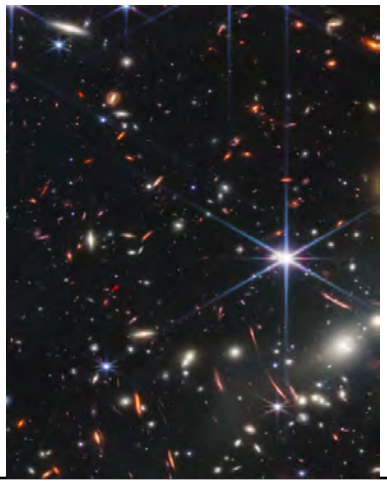
Cosmic News	**NASA Unveils First Image from James Webb Space Telescope**  The universe is becoming a much smaller place. While that freaks out some (hello!), it is also a stunning development. From NASA (because this sentence is astounding): "Thousands of galaxies – including the faintest objects ever observed in the infrared – have appeared in Webb's view for the first time. This slice of the vast universe covers a patch of sky approximately the size of a grain of sand held at arm's length by someone on the ground." For your local cosmic experience, view the "buck supermoon" above Bread Loaf, coming up on Wednesday, complemented by fireflies in the Meadow (previews available).
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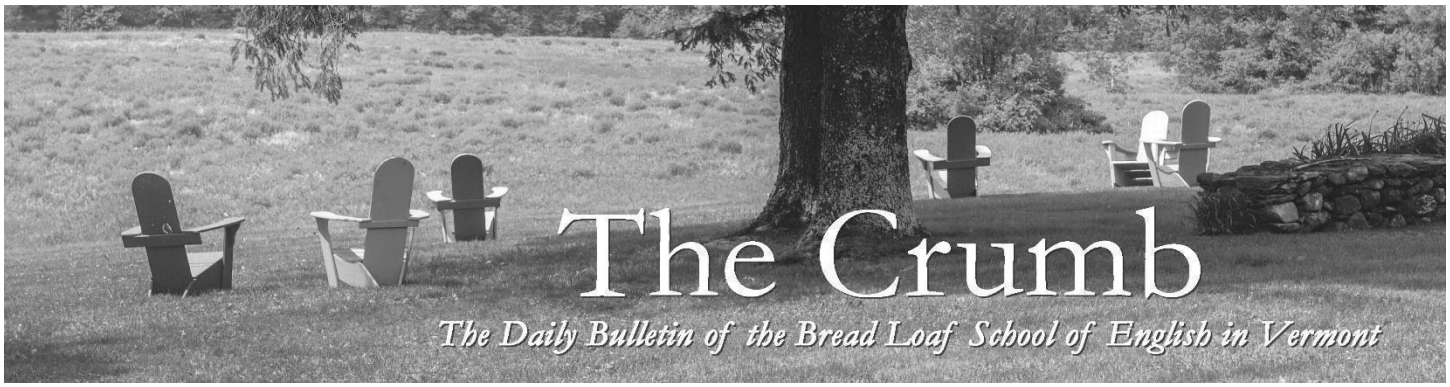

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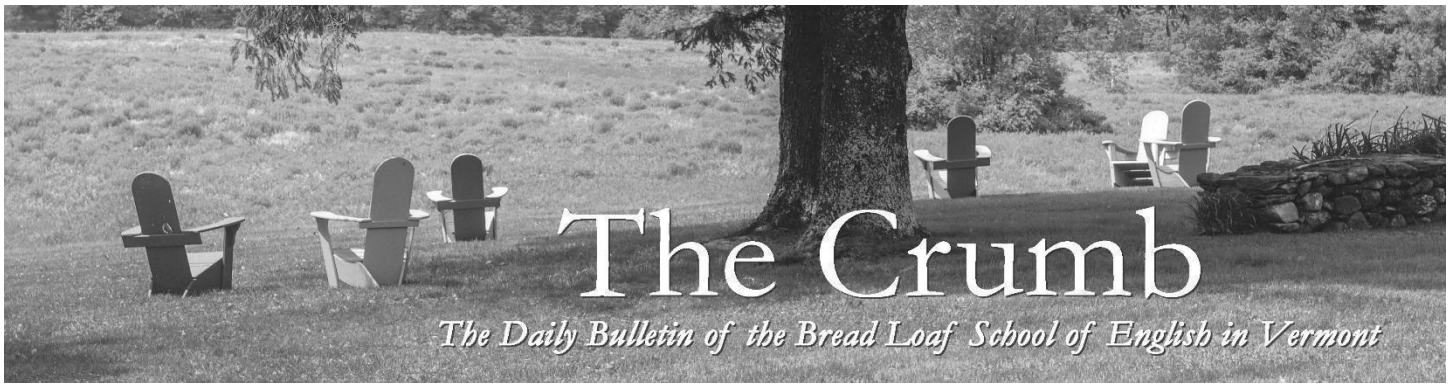

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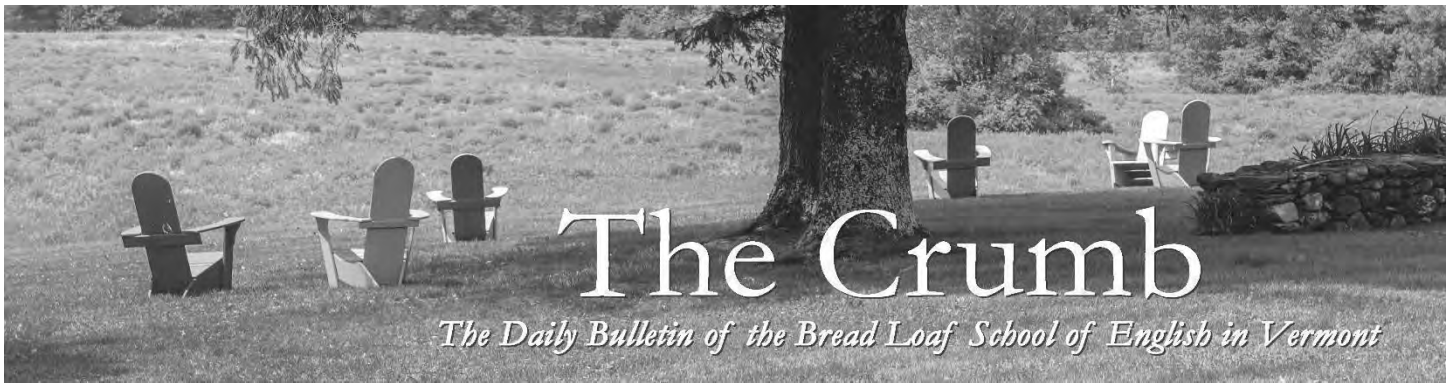

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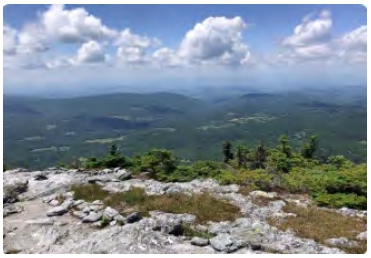

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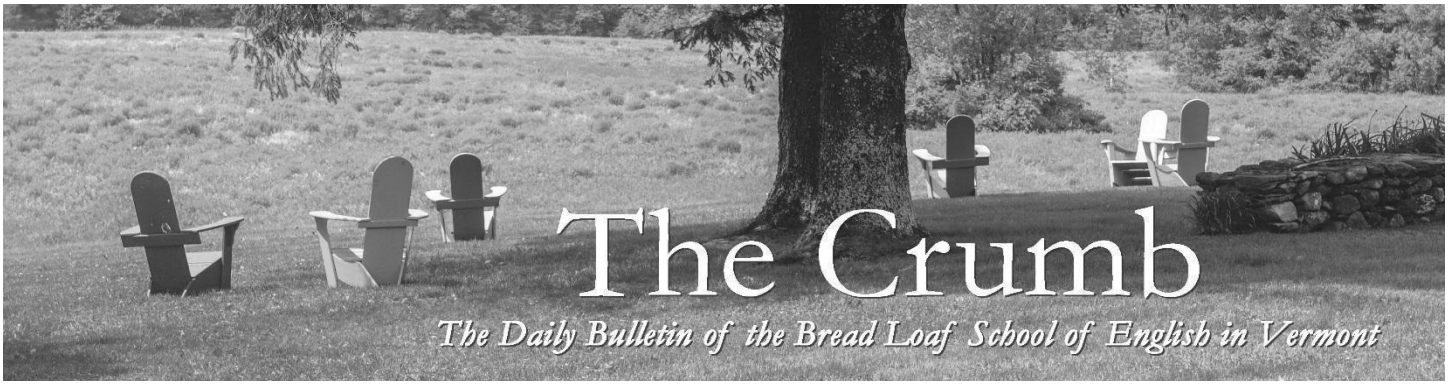

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Weather Report: Looks like it will be another rainy day in Vermont today, with a front moving in from the west by lunchtime. Stay warm and dry. If you have any view of the sky tonight, it'll be a waning gibbous moon.	**PCR Testing** 12-2 pm/Milkhouse **Faculty Reading: Cheryl Savageau** 7:45 pm/*Zoom, register for your personal link*	**Students of Color Meeting** 7:30 pm/Treman **Blue Parlor** 8:30 pm/Big Tent	**Wine & Cheese** 5 pm/Barn **LGBTQ+ Social** 7 pm/Treman **Ultimate Frisbee** 7:30 pm/Field by Maple **Faculty Film** *Schindler's List* 7:30 pm/Barn	**PCR Testing** 12-2 pm/Milkhouse **BLTN Meeting** 7 pm/Location tbd **Pond Reading** 9 pm/Pond Firepit **Post-Pond Reading Refreshments** 10 pm/Tent	**Education and Ethics Workshop with Jim Sabin** 9:30 am/Big Tent *Masks required* **Post-colonial South Asian Women Writers Workshop with Margery and Jim Sabin** 11 am/Big Tent *Masks required* **Campus Tree Tour** 3 pm/Meet on the Inn Porch **Tai Chi** 4 pm/Meet by Barn **Faculty Film** *Haru, Island of the Solitary* 8:30 pm/Barn

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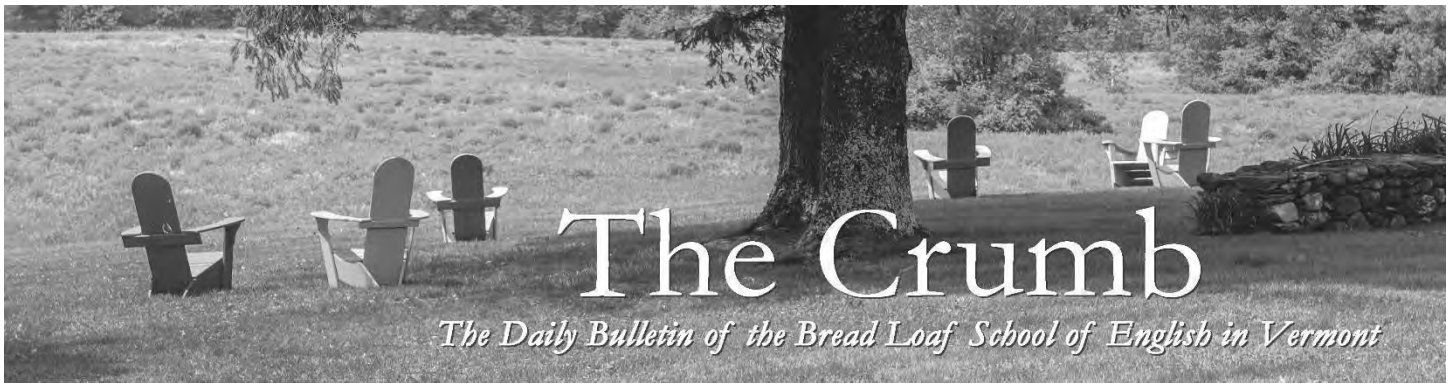

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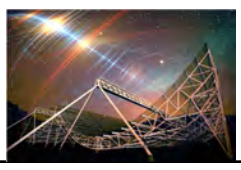

From the Department of "What...?!"

MIT has reported picking up a mysterious radio signal from space. According to CNN, it is pulsing in the same pattern as a heartbeat. Scientists have determined that the signal is coming from about a billion light years away (whatever that means), but no one knows what's making it. They call these

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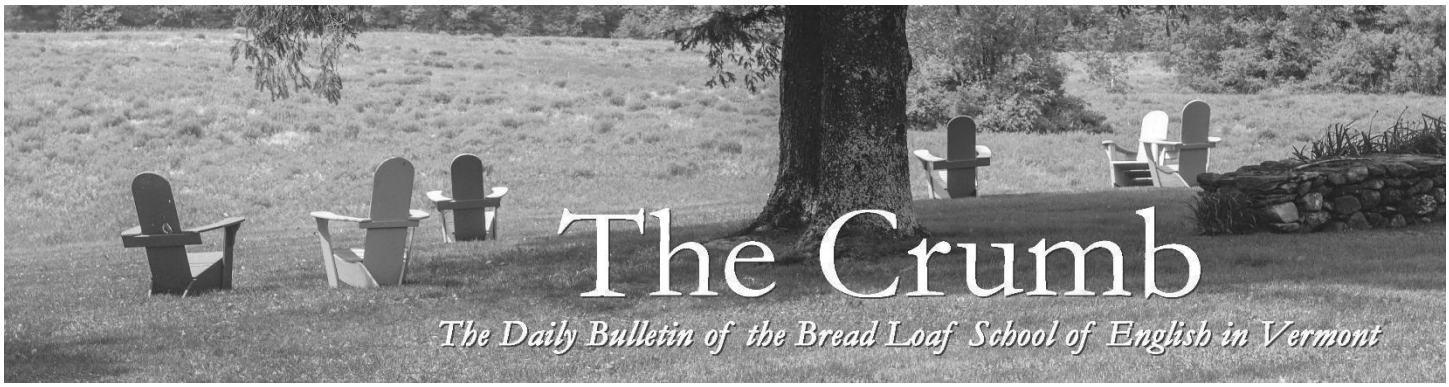

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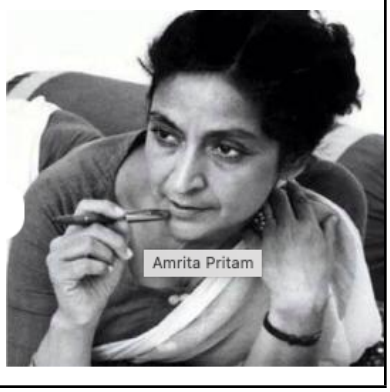
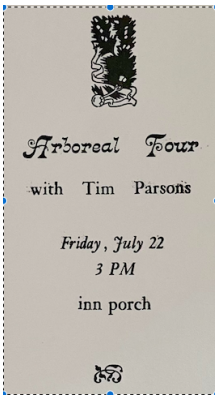
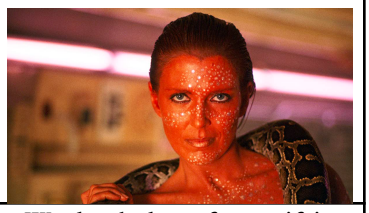
A Look Ahead	**Friday Ethics & Education Workshop, 9:30 – 11 am, Big Tent** Jim Sabin will lead the second of two workshops on ethics in education. The session will use an excellent case developed by the Harvard School of Education Justice in Schools program — *Taking the Action Out of Civics?: Polarized Debates over Civic Education*— as the basis of discussion. Given national conflicts over what books should be taught in schools, and how student and teacher activists should conduct themselves, the case is very timely. The case is available at https://bit.ly/3zj7czm. **Friday Workshop, 11 am – 12:30 pm in the Big Tent** Margery & Jim Sabin will offer the third of three workshops featuring short readings by celebrated post-colonial South Asian women writers who challenged ancient Indian traditions about acceptable female behavior. The reading for this week is *Pinjar*, by Amrita Pritam (1919 – 2005), an award-winning Punjabi novelist and poet who wrote with passion about the sufferings of women, most notably at the time of Partition in 1947, when British India was divided into India and Pakistan. *Pinjar* gives additional expression to the themes discussed in the two previous workshops – female sexuality within and outside marriage and motherhood, and it adds the dimension of communal conflict between Hindus  Amrita Pritam

	and Muslims. Our workshop on 7/22 will briefly touch on the context of communal violence, but we'll focus on the human drama at the center of the story. *Pinjar* is available at https://bit.ly/sabinfiles. *Pinjar* is longer than the other stories we've read. We'll summarize it at the workshop, but please read as much as your time allows.  **Get to Know Your Trees on Friday, July 22 @ 3 pm** Tim Parsons, Middlebury College's horticulturist and arborist, will lead an arboreal tour of Bread Loaf, walking us through the past and future of Bread Loaf Mountain's landscape and introducing us to its tree population. Meet on the Inn Porch. With a *bona fide* Bread Loaf letterpress invitation, how could you resist? Contact Sam Alviani salviani@middlebury.edu for more info. **Tai Chi Friday, July 22, @ 4 pm outdoors in the shade** No experience necessary! Meet at the Barn and we'll go from there. **Faculty Film Friday, July 22 @ 8:30 pm in the Barn** Kate Marshall presents *Blade Runner* for her class and the community. 
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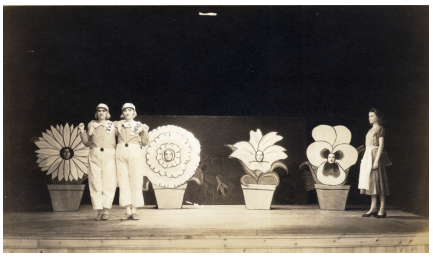
Historical Tidbit	**What Came Before**  This photo is from the Bread Loaf exhibition curated by Middlebury College Special Collections. Click through and find amazing artifacts from Bread Loaf years past. This intriguing photo is of a 1932 production of *Alice in Wonderland* in The Little Theater. Click on the image (in the digital version of *The Crumb*) so that you can see the faces in the flowers. And, then, immediately click through to the collection so that you can see all of these incredible images. If you go to the exhibition itself, you'll see many things, including the recipe

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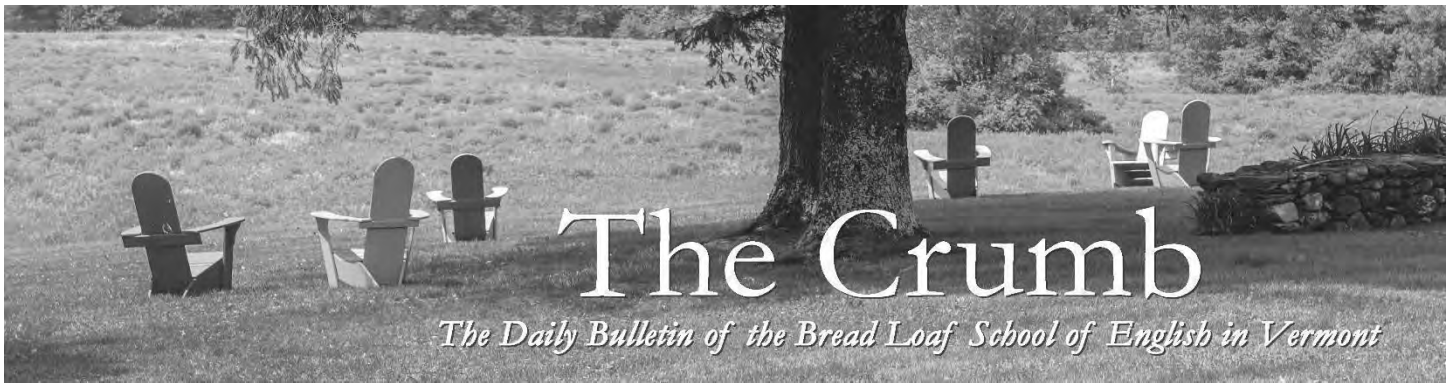

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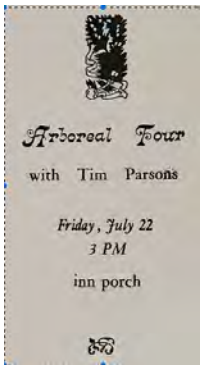
A Look Ahead	**Friday Ethics & Education Workshop, 9:30 – 11 am, Big Tent** Jim Sabin will lead the second of two workshops on ethics in education. The session will use an excellent case developed by the Harvard School of Education Justice in Schools program — *Taking the Action Out of Civics?: Polarized Debates over Civic Education*— as the basis of discussion. Given national conflicts over what books should be taught in schools, and how student and teacher activists should conduct themselves, the case is very timely. The case is available at https://bit.ly/3zj7czm. **Friday Workshop, 11 am – 12:30 pm in the Big Tent** Amrita Pritam Margery & Jim Sabin will offer the third of three workshops featuring short readings by celebrated post-colonial South Asian women writers who challenged ancient Indian traditions about acceptable female behavior. The reading for this week is *Pinjar*, by Amrita Pritam (1919 – 2005), an award-winning Punjabi novelist and poet who wrote with passion about the sufferings of women, most notably at the time of Partition in 1947, when British India was divided into India and Pakistan. *Pinjar* gives additional expression to the themes discussed in the two previous workshops – female sexuality within and outside marriage and motherhood, and it adds the dimension of communal conflict between Hindus and Muslims. Our workshop on 7/22 will briefly touch on the context of communal violence, but we'll focus on the human drama at the center of the story.*Pinjar* is available at https://bit.ly/sabinfiles. *Pinjar* is longer than the other stories we've read. We'll summarize it at the workshop, but please read as much as your time allows.  Arboreal Tour with Tim Parsons Friday, July 22 3 PM inn porch **Get to Know Your Trees on Friday, July 22 @ 3 pm** Tim Parsons, Middlebury College's horticulturist and arborist, will lead an arboreal tour of Bread Loaf, walking us through the past and future of Bread Loaf Mountain's landscape and introducing us to its tree population. Meet on the Inn Porch. With a *bona fide* Bread Loaf letterpress invitation, how could you resist? Contact Sam Alviani salviani@middlebury.edu for more info. **Tai Chi Friday, July 22, @ 4 pm outdoors in the shade** No experience necessary! Meet at the Barn and we'll go from there. **Faculty Film Friday, July 22 @ 8:30 pm in the Barn** Kate Marshall presents *Blade Runner* for her class and the community. **Trivia Saturday @ 8:30 pm** Come play trivia in the Barn on Saturday night! There will be rounds focused on Vermont, sports, pop culture, literary quotes, literary history and geography, a music round, a special surprise visual round, and a final Jeopardy question. Teams can be comprised of up to six members, and the best team name may earn bonus points.

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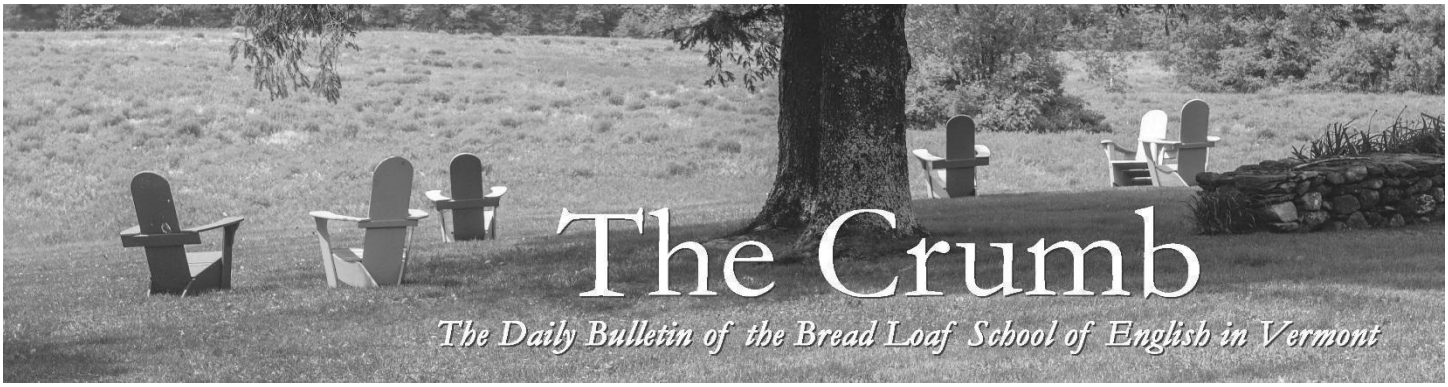

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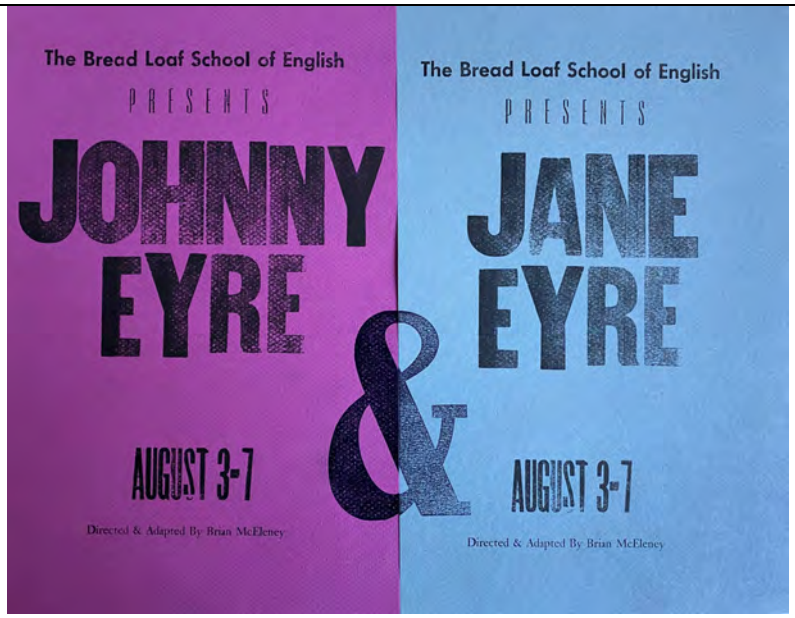

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A Look Ahead

Faculty Reading with Susan Choi

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Susan Choi and her work have been praised by many. Joan Didion describes her as "A natural—a writer whose intelligence and historical awareness effortlessly serve a breathtaking narrative ability." Jennifer Egan says Choi's work is "Deeply impressive, confident… astute, psychologically persuasive." While Jhumpa Lahiri says Choi writes "with uncompromising grace and mastery."

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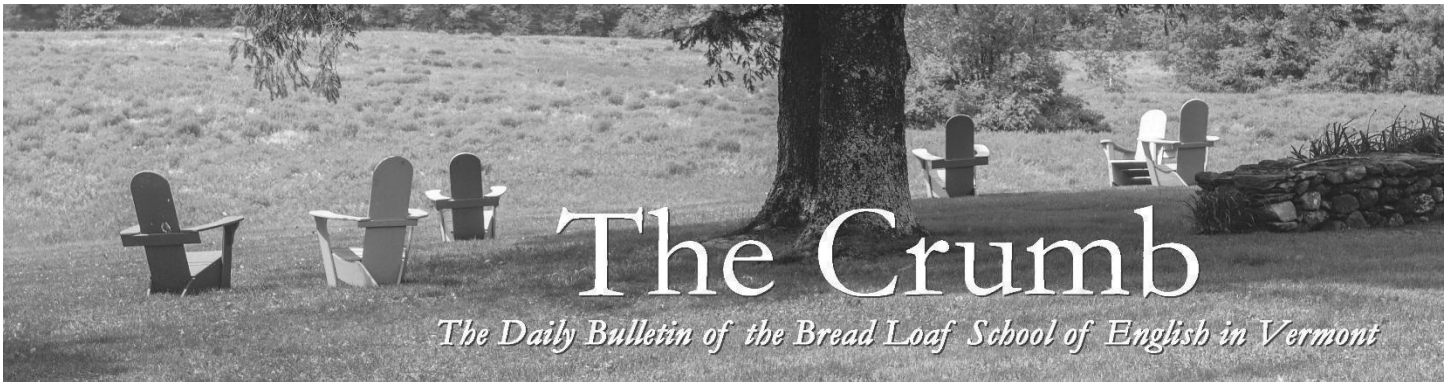

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Monday, July 25, 2022

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Weather Report: Maybe it'll rain today? Maybe not. But, it will be cloudy and a little on the cool side, with highs in the upper 70s. It will clear up this evening, so go look at the waning crescent moon.	**PCR Testing** 12-2 pm/Milkhouse **Faculty Reading: Susan Choi** 7:45 pm/Big Tent **Reception** 8:45 pm/Big Tent	**Students of Color Meeting** 7:30 pm/Treman Porch **Blue Parlor** 8:30 pm/Big Tent	**Tea + Cookies** 5 pm/Big Tent **Ultimate Frisbee** 7:30 pm/Field by Maple **Faculty Film** *Excalibur* 8 pm/Barn	**PCR Testing** 12-2 pm/Milkhouse **BLTN Meeting** 7 pm/Barn 101 **Pond Reading** 9 pm/Pond Firepit **Post-Pond Reading Refreshments** 10 pm/Tent	**Tai Chi** 4 pm/Meet by Barn **Faculty Film** *Lone Star* 8 pm/Barn

Happening Today

Faculty Reading — Susan Choi — @ 7:45 pm in the Big Tent

The Newman-Marshall-Choi-Wells-Frost-Farm-Household-2022 interviewed Susan for *The Crumb* in advance of her faculty reading.

Evie: *My favorite animal is the tiger. What's your favorite animal?*
Susan: That is a really great question, and very hard to answer! I love so many animals but I think the whale might be my favorite.

Ian: *When you see a sky full of stars, what do you think about?*
Susan: This is another really wonderful question. Sometimes I think, 'Why can't I remember any of the constellations?' But more often, I don't think at all, because seeing a sky full of stars takes me out of my own brain for a while.

Kate: *Moss or lichen?*
Susan: MOSS. No contest. Sorry, lichen.

Elliot: *What is your Bread Loaf Dessert Weak Spot?*
Susan: The brownies and the fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies are my primary weak spots, but the entire Bread Loaf Dessert Situation is a weak spot.

Nesta: *Why are clouds in the sky?*
Susan: Thank you for this amazing question. Scientifically speaking, I think because of water vapor. But actually, I think clouds are in the sky so we can enjoy their beautiful shapes, and also to make the sunset more colorful.

Announcements	

A Word from the Dean

This weekend, many of us within and beyond Middlebury gathered to celebrate the life of our friend and colleague Jeff Cason, who died unexpectedly on July 14. As Provost for the institution, Jeff had direct oversight of the Bread Loaf School of English – a responsibility he clearly loved.

Jeff was especially excited by the Bread Loaf Teacher Network and its potential to put social justice at the center of public education world-wide. He couldn't get enough of Bread Loaf Beyond the Page, which, under the direction of our own faculty member Craig Maravich, enlists professional actors to serve as teaching partners in Middlebury classrooms much as they do in our own classrooms here. And it was because of Jeff's globally-oriented passion and cue that just last week we inaugurated a three-week institute in global humanities at the Institute for International Studies in Monterey, in partnership with allies there.

Indeed, Jeff kept encouraging us, as Middlebury citizens, to collaborate and connect. He helped to make sure that Bread Loaf was involved in not only supporting but also shaping Middlebury's vision. He not only wanted us to have access to all of Middlebury's resources; he challenged us to come forward ourselves as a resource for our peers. That was an institutional sea change, which is already having a profound effect on who we are and what we do.

We will miss Jeff's leadership, his wisdom, his laughter, and his energetic support for all things Bread Loaf.

Hello, I Must Be Going

Attention, students: We're still very much – and very happily – in full swing. But the last day of the session will be here before you know it. We are working with the facilities staff to ensure a smooth transition from our program to the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, which follows as soon as we close.

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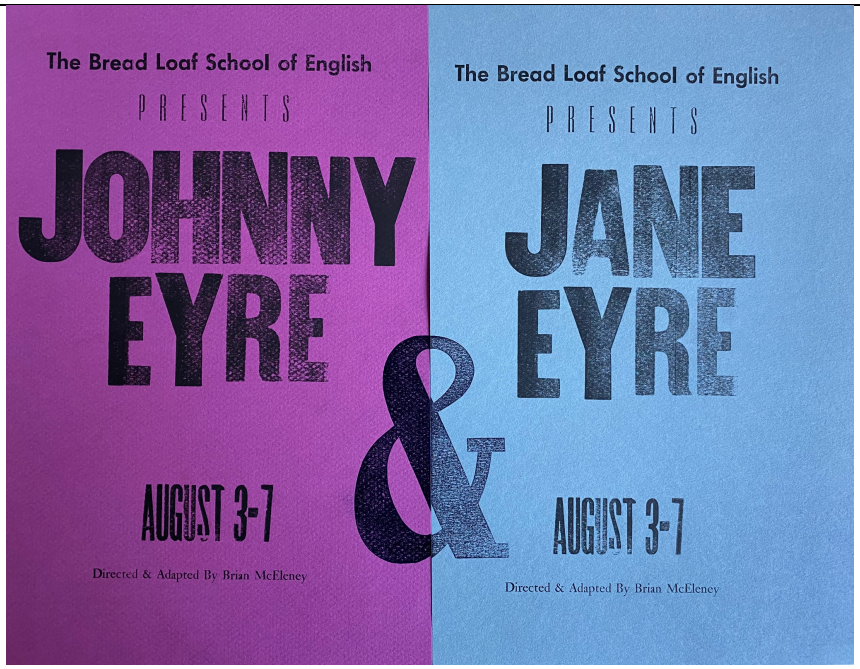
For materials needed urgently for your coursework, please continue to make requests through MIDCAT (go/midcat/ and click "Request this title") or Interlibrary Loan (go/ill/). Thank you! – Kellam Ayres, Liaison to the Bread Loaf Programs (kayres@middlebury.edu)

A Look Ahead	 **The Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble Presents *Jane Eyre* and *Johnny Eyre*** Starting Tuesday, July 26, tickets will be available at the Front Desk for the Acting Ensemble's two summer productions: *Jane Eyre* and *Johnny Eyre*, directed and adapted by Brian McEleney. The performances run August 3-7 at the following dates and times: *Jane Eyre* Wednesday, August 3, 7:30 pm Friday, August 5, 7:30 pm Saturday, August 6, 2 pm *Johnny Eyre* Thursday, August 4, 7:30 pm Saturday, August 6, 7:30 pm Sunday, August 7, 7:30 pm Please be aware that performances are closed to outside visitors and open only to the Bread Loaf community and approved faculty family members. We're so excited to share these shows with you! ***Mark your calendars!* Tickets are available beginning Tuesday, July 26** at the Front Desk. Contact Lianna, the Theater Manager, at lbessette@middlebury.edu with any questions. **Trivia Night on Saturday July 30 @ 8:30 pm in the Barn, sponsored by the Senior Class** Are you hankering for more activities that involve competitive knowledge? GREAT NEWS! The Senior Class is hosting ANOTHER Trivia Night. All are welcome. Form your teams with a maximum of six people, and choose a team name based on literary references combined with action/adventure movies. You may win extra points if the judges like your team name.
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Update From Oxford	 Our world has cooled down considerably with more typical English cloudiness and breeze, but it is expected to get hotter again at the end of the week. We are not amused by the prospect. Our last formal dinner of the summer on Tuesday evening will include a pre-dinner talk with the director Polly Findlay, who directed the 2018 production of *Macbeth* at the Royal Shakespeare, which the entire campus went to see as an all-school play that year. The beautiful photo here is from last Thursday's formal dinner, showing (L-R) students Beth Robbins and Trish Dougherty and author Emma Smith in a moment of hilarity.
Historical Tidbit	Please enjoy this image of Bread Loaf students in 1950. Imagine, if you can, having to wear suits, ties, and dresses all summer to class. And, then be grateful for how the world has changed since then. (Or, lament how casual we all are now about our learning attire.) Robert Frost was a lecturer in 1950, joining 11 full-time BLSE faculty. Offerings that summer included Play Directing, Literary Composition, The Modern Short Story, History of the English Language, as well as more focused classes in Milton, Chaucer, and Shakespeare. All students had to take courses abou how to teach literature. Click here to take a fun trip through an old catalog.
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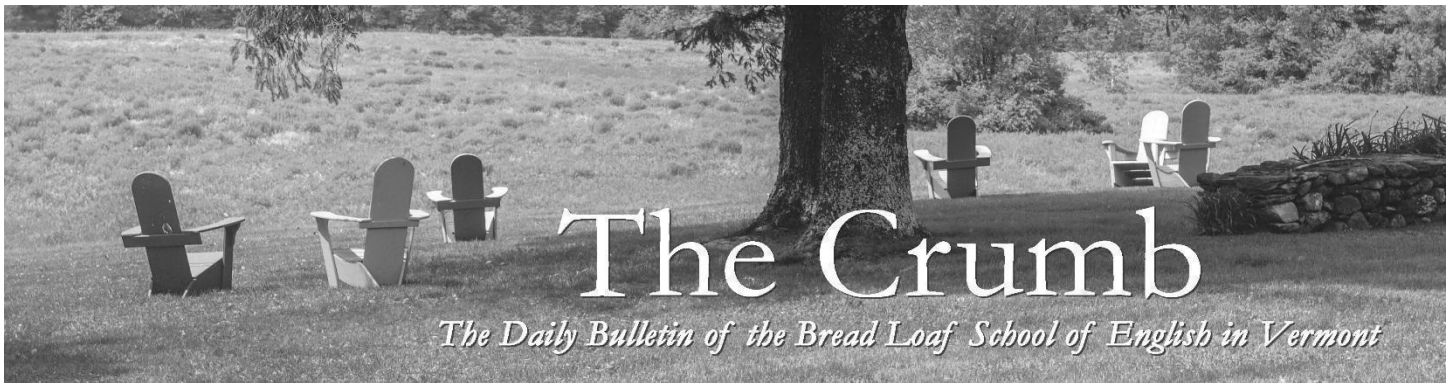

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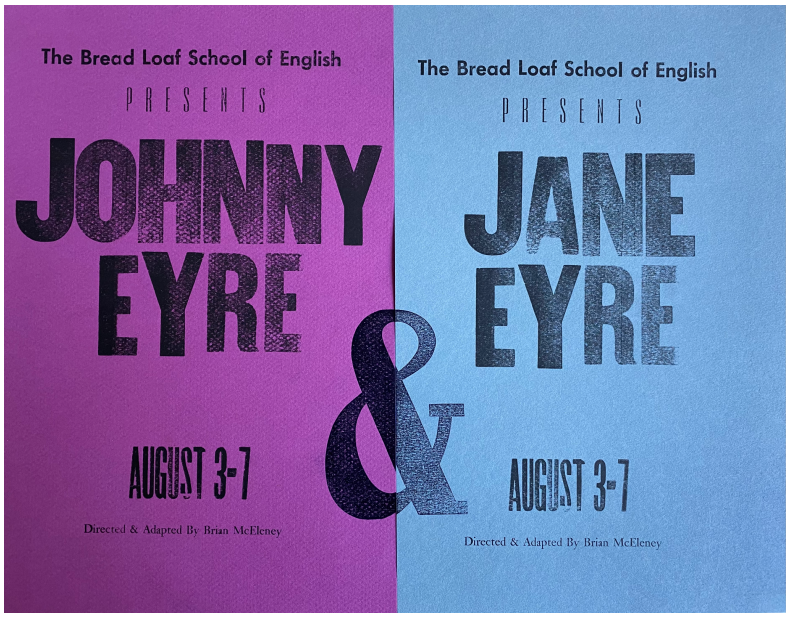
A Look Ahead	 **The Bread Loaf Acting Ensemble Presents *Jane Eyre* and *Johnny Eyre*** Starting Tuesday, July 26, tickets will be available at the Front Desk for the Acting Ensemble's two summer productions: *Jane Eyre* and *Johnny Eyre*, directed and adapted by Brian McEleney. The performances run August 3-7 at the following dates and times: *Jane Eyre* Wednesday, August 3, 7:30 pm Friday, August 5, 7:30 pm Saturday, August 6, 2 pm *Johnny Eyre* Thursday, August 4, 7:30 pm Saturday, August 6, 7:30 pm Sunday, August 7, 7:30 pm Please be aware that performances are closed to outside visitors and open only to the Bread Loaf community and approved faculty family members. Contact Lianna, the Theater Manager, at lbessette@middlebury.edu with any questions. **The Bread Loaf Teacher Network meets Thursday in Barn 101 and on Zoom** Everyone is welcome to join this summer's final BLTN meeting on Thursday, July 28, 7-8:30 pm (note the extended time). Bill Rich and Tim O'Leary, co-directors of the "What's the Story, Vermont?" (WTS) project will talk to us about how they engage students in project-based learning that results in student-filmed documentaries. In addition, Kayla Hostetler and Yaneris Collado will share their experiences with WTS in Aiken, SC and Chelsea, MA respectively. We will also talk about collaborative project plans, including a brief report by Veronica Foster. Come prepared to share your ideas and to recruit partners. We will do 90-second project pitches. One does not need to be a BLTN member to be involved with a BLTN exchange. Join us in person in Vermont in Barn 101 or use this link to register for Zoom: https://middlebury.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0ud-quqjgtG9BwIPdVM8HBmnmM9610oAal

Upcoming Faculty Films

***Au revoir, les enfants* Wednesday @ 8 pm in Barn 101**
Froma Zeitlan presents another in her series of important films for her class, and the community, Louis Malle's 1987 classic. It's 1944 in Nazi-occupied France. Julien, age 12, has been sent to a Catholic boarding school. When the Gestapo arrives looking for hidden Jewish children, one of whom has become both his rival and friend, an innocent mistake suddenly forces Julien into a world far beyond his childhood experience. Derived from an incident in the life of the writer/director, who recreates a painful memory from his own youth, the film is a visually stunning and emotionally devastating story of innocence, friendship, and regret. (In French, with English subtitles.)

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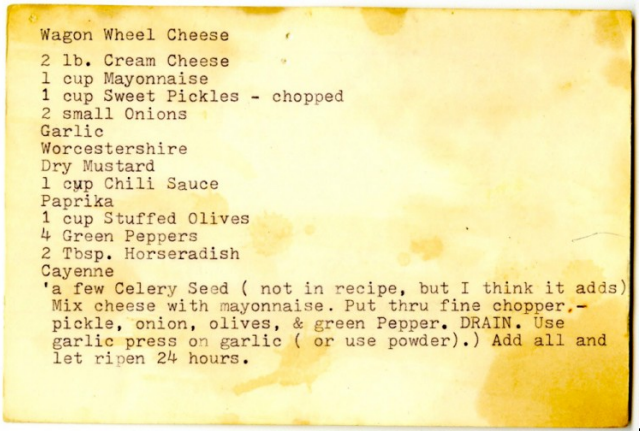
A View from BLCA	**Bread Loaf's Global Humanities Institute in Monterey, CA** Okay, you can walk on the beach, and some do, even though the session is only three weeks long and presentations are due next week. Scenic *and* intense, in the Bread Loaf tradition.
Historical Tidbit	One fine day at the Special Collections, a longtime Middlebury employee brought in a "slightly-corroded" box of recipes uncovered during the renovations of the Inn. They believe that the box belonged to Alfreda DeGray, who was a cook at Bread Loaf from 1945 to 1987. This is one of your editors' favorite parts of the archive. Here, for future parties, is her recipe for Wagon Wheel Cheese. Enjoy! It appears many ingredients were "to taste." And, we are not sure exactly what "ripening" means or where it happens.  Wagon Wheel Cheese 2 lb. Cream Cheese 1 cup Mayonnaise 1 cup Sweet Pickles - chopped 2 small Onions Garlic Worcestershire Dry Mustard 1 cup Chili Sauce Paprika 1 cup Stuffed Olives 4 Green Peppers 2 Tbsp. Horseradish Cayenne 'a few Celery Seed (not in recipe, but I think it adds) Mix cheese with mayonnaise. Put thru fine chopper.- pickle, onion, olives, & green Pepper. DRAIN. Use garlic press on garlic (or use powder).) Add all and let ripen 24 hours.
Erratum Technologia	It has come to our attention that the link to the 1950 BLSE course catalog in the Special Collections Bread Loaf archive didn't survive its journey through its technological transformation yesterday. Here 'tis: https://archive.org/details/blse_f7_1950_catalog/page/20/mode/2up
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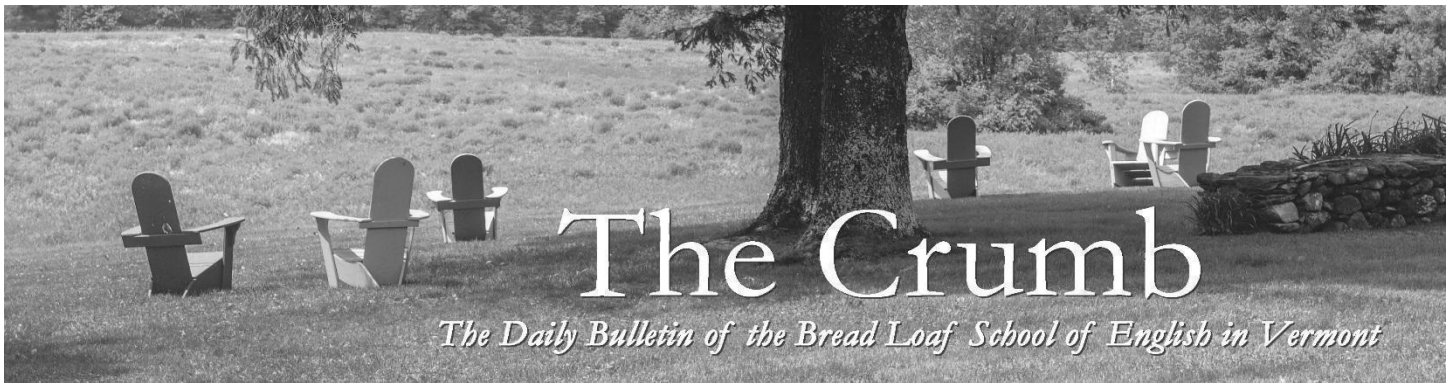

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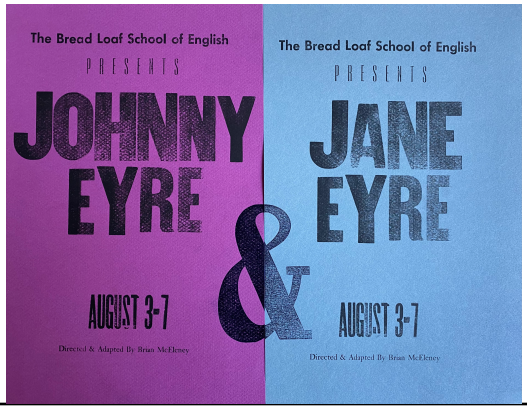
A Look Ahead	 **Tickets are now available for *Jane Eyre* and *Johnny Eyre*** The shows run August 3-7. *Jane Eyre* performances will be Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 pm, as well as Saturday at 2 pm. *Johnny Eyre* performances will be Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7:30 pm. In addition to these performance dates, there will be open dress rehearsals of *Jane Eyre* on Monday, August 1, and *Johnny Eyre* on Tuesday, August 2; both rehearsals will be held at 7:30 pm. All are welcome; no tickets will be issued for the dress rehearsals.

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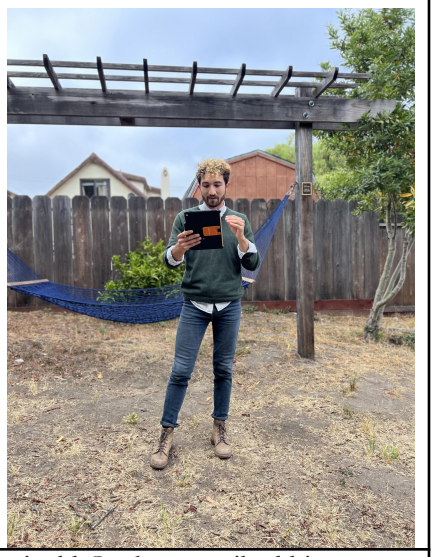
BLCA	**Blue Sea Readings at the Monterey Campus** On Sunday, July 24, Bread Loaf Monterey set sail on its first ever Blue Sea! We gathered in the community garden under the gray skies, symbolically broke the champagne (and sparkling apple juice) on the bow of the ship, and began the early evening with a reading of *Sea Fever* by James Masefield, which I altered slightly to accommodate some of our Monterey experiences so far (sea gulls outside of our dorm Munras, etc.). We had five readers and a rapt audience on our first voyage and had a great time! – Katelynn Bell 
Historical Tidbit	In the book, *Robert Frost: Verbatim*, former Bread Loaf Director Reginald Cook transcribed his conversations with Robert Frost, ones that took place at Frost's cabin and on campus. This selection comes from a conversation at the cabin with a Jesse Stuart, whom Reginald Cook took to the cabin. In these excerpts, Frost dishes on several topics. What did Mr. Frost think of Milton? Here the ever-ready Frost made an expert parry. "I never bother with monuments as big as that," replied Frost dryly. They talked of writing and Frost mentioned how he had seen Vachel Lindsay cutting out sections of his poems to satisfy an editor or because certain parts hadn't seemed to go well in a reading. Lindsay claimed he could tell how well certain sections work: "Nobody ever touches the poem for me." Of Edgar Lee Masters: "He was hostile to me; a dark, somber person." Speaking of a writer's drive for fame (with Masters in mind), he said: "It's such a gamble of what's going to happen to a person in the end." What of Yeats? Frost and Stuart agreed that the early Yeats lyrics were better than the later poems. Frost thought that Yeats, like Masters, was a bitter man at the end. "Times he was in agony of silence," said Frost, and he referred to Yeats saying, "All I'll remember is sweating blood and biting pencils'" in an effort to write. Frost told how *The Lone Striker* had come out of personal experience. He'd been shut out of the mill, and he turned to teach in the district (ironically he said dee-streak) school. He told how in the early teaching experience for two years he had to teach thirty-five hours a week, how he arrived home and lay down for a couple of hours in a kind of stupor from fatigue. (https://midddigital.middlebury.edu/local_files/robert_frost/verbatim/1953_july_12.html)
Quote of the Day	"After all, reading is arguably a far more creative and imaginative process than writing; when the reader creates emotion in their head, or the colors of the sky during the setting sun, or the smell of a warm summer's breeze on their face, they should reserve as much praise for themselves as they do for the writer — perhaps more." — Jasper Fforde, *The Well of Lost Plots*

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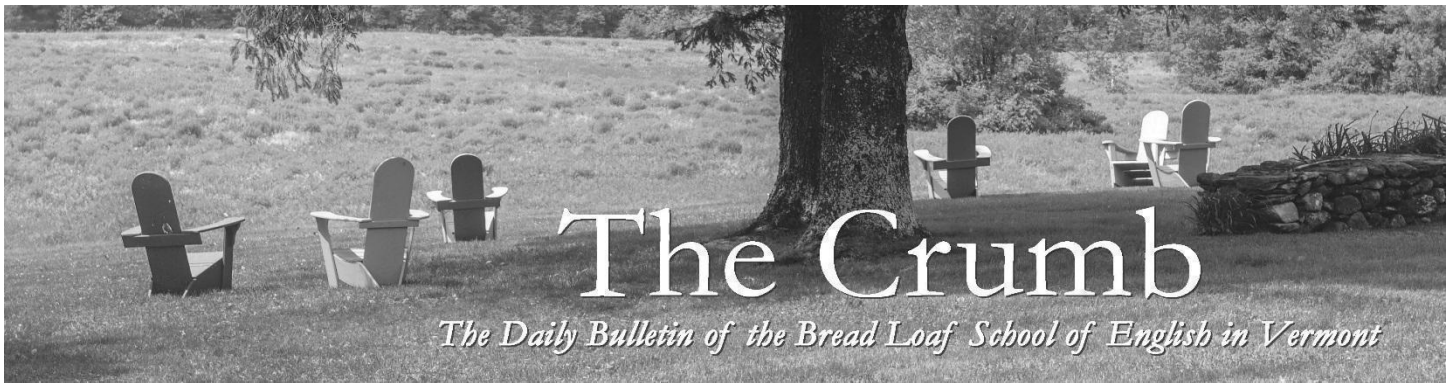

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Friday/Saturday/Sunday, July 29-31, 2022

WEEKLY OVERVIEW	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Weather Report: Are there going to be thunderstorms today? Well, it's 61% chance for "yes," but it's still a guess, isn't it? What we can count on is a dark sky tonight as the New Moon begins its 28-day cycle with a crescent of light.	**Kids' Workshop** 9 am/Printer's Cabin **"Fill the Space" Workshop** 11 am/Barn **Tai Chi** 4 pm/Meet by Barn **Faculty Film** *Lone Star* 8 pm/Barn *Masks required*	**Zoom Yoga** 9 am/Virtual **Hike Worth Mountain, Swim Lake Pleiad** 10 am/Inn **Trivia Night** 8:30 pm/Barn *Masks required*	**Super-informal Running Club** 10 am/Annex Porch **Flower Arranging Workshop** 2 pm/Little Tent **Faculty Film** *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* 8 pm/Barn *Masks required*	**PCR Testing** 12-2 pm/Milkhouse **Robert Frost Cabin Tour** 5:15 pm/Meet on Inn Porch **Open Dress Rehearsal** 7:30 pm/Little Theater **Faculty Film** 7:30 pm/Barn 101 **Faculty Reading: Bob Sullivan** 7:45 pm/Big Tent **Reception** 8:45 pm/Big Tent	**Bread Loaf History Talk** 2:30 pm/Davis Family Library on the College campus **Open Dress Rehearsal** 7:30 pm/Little Theater **Students of Color Meeting** 7:30 pm/Treman Porch **Blue Parlor** 8:30 pm/Big Tent

Happening This Weekend

Friday "Fill the Space" Workshop, 11 am - 12:30 pm in the Barn
Student Yili Fan, an award-winning documentary filmmaker and theatre educator, will lead a media integration workshop on Fill the Space, an educational model she has been refining for 10 years. Fill the Space is a dynamic, complex, systemic model for learning, self-awareness, community building, and value sharing. It's a very simple, playful, adaptable model, but it can be iterated into a very complex structure until the training goal is completed. Please wear movement-friendly clothes and be prepared to learn how to make movies with your cell phone. Yili's documentary film, *The Little Prince with a Mask*, is available at https://youtu.be/7vEh3_zHbIk

Get Out of Your Brain for a Spell
There's Tai Chi, a hike-and-swim outing, yoga, and the running club, for a start. Not to mention flower arranging. Mark your calendars for *next* weekend's Charlie Orr 5k walk/run on Saturday, August 6 at 9 am.

Faculty Films: *Lone Star*, Friday, and *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*, Sunday, in the Barn @ 8 pm

Bryan Wolf presents *Lone Star* and *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance,* both films provide glimpses into American history at different moments of social change. *Lone Star* follows the intertwined fate of three families (Black, Latinx, and white) in a fictional Texas bordertown at the beginning of the 21st century. *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* takes us back to the 1960s, and to the end of the era of the classic Hollywood western. It features figures from that era (John Wayne, Jimmy Stewart, Vera Miles, Lee Marvin) and includes an astonishing scene set in a multicultural classroom as the class engages in a civics discussion about democracy. And — best of all — *Lone Star* is a film that alludes back to the earlier *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance.*

Trivia Night on Saturday, July 30 @ 8:30 pm in the Barn, sponsored by the Senior Class

Form your teams with a maximum of six people, and choose a team name based on literary references combined with action/adventure movies (e.g., A Lesson Before Dying Hard). You may win extra points if the judges like your team name.

Calling all faculty and staff! We would love to have a round consisting of questions submitted by Vermont faculty and staff members. The questions could be about anything — content from classes, your own favorite trivia questions, obscure Bread Loaf knowledge, etc. We're hoping it'll be a real level-the-playing-field round. If you'd like to contribute, please send your questions (and the answers) to cgreer@middlebury.edu by Friday, July 28. Feel free to send more than one, if you'd like!

Arrange Flowers, Poetically, on Sunday, July 31 @ 2-3:30 pm

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A Friendly Reminder

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Attention, students

Drop by the Front Desk or email BLFD@middlebury.edu to let the staff know the date and time of your departure. Though you may depart as soon as all your classes are done and all your work has been turned in, check-out time is Wednesday, August 10 by 5 pm for all students, except Seniors and those whose Bread Loaf jobs require that they stay.

Need another set of eyes on that paper?

Peer readers at The Writing Center are ready to read your work and provide helpful feedback. Sign up for an appointment using this Google doc: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1V64DHvL1BK0TzmuCZVqF1yv8SP5_CJ0gopbdDjZ1Gkk/edit?usp=sharing

Suggest a book for the Davison (Bread Loaf) Library

We'd love to hear your suggestions for new books to add to the permanent collection at Davison Library. Please suggest poetry, fiction, nonfiction, plays, and books on pedagogy, literary theory and criticism, and writing craft. Suggestions for updated editions and translations are also welcomed. The form is available at go/BLpurchase/.

A Look Ahead

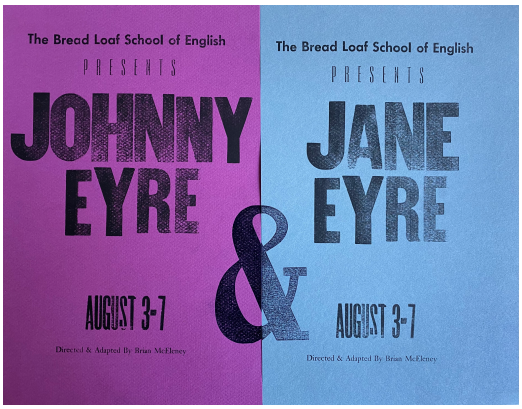
Faculty Film: *Lore,* Monday, August 1 @ 7:30 pm in Barn 101 (note date change)

Froma Zeitlin presents *Lore* (2012) directed by Cate Shortland, for her class and the community (109 minutes; Germany-Australia). The film is an adaptation of one out of three stories in Rachel Seiffert's novel, *The Dark Room* (2001). Set in Germany at the end of the war, this coming-of-age story focuses on 15 year old Lore, who, in the wake of her Nazi parents' arrest, is charged with taking her siblings (a sister, two brothers, and a baby boy) on a hazardous journey of 500 miles to their grandmother's home in Hamburg over a war-torn landscape beset with chaos and destruction. To complicate matters further, a mysterious young man, Thomas, also on the run, eventually joins up with them. In this coming-of-age story, adulthood sneaks up on an adolescent girl, who must confront the collapse of her country's criminal regime, and examines themes like family relations, guilt, war, survival, national crises, sexual awakening, and loss of innocence. Submitted for best foreign film at the Academy Awards in 2013.

Bread Loaf History Talk – Tuesday, August 2 and Thursday, August 4 @ 2:30 pm

You can take a grand tour through more than 100 years of Bread Loaf history in just one hour at the Davis Family Library at Middlebury College.

Archivist Danielle Rougeau, who curated an ambitious exhibition in honor of the BLSE Centennial, has invited Bread Loafers to an informal walkthrough of the exhibition. RSVP here. Sign up at the Front Desk if you need a ride into town (and back!).

	 **Tickets are available for *Jane Eyre* and *Johnny Eyre*** The shows run August 3-7. *Jane Eyre* performances will be Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 pm, as well as Saturday at 2 pm. *Johnny Eyre* performances will be Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7:30 pm. In addition to these performance dates, there will be open dress rehearsals of *Jane Eyre* on Monday, August 1, and *Johnny Eyre* on Tuesday, August 2; both rehearsals will be held at 7:30 pm. All are welcome; no tickets will be issued for the dress rehearsals. Please be aware that performances are closed to outside visitors and open only to the Bread Loaf community and approved faculty family members. Due to language and subject matter, children under 16 will not be admitted to performances of *Johnny Eyre*. Get your free tickets at the Front Desk! Please contact Lianna, the Theatre Manager, at lbessette@middlebury.edu with any questions. **Rescheduled – Frost Cabin Tour now Monday @ 5:15 pm** The visit that had been planned for Thursday will take place Monday, August 1. Meet on the Inn Porch at 5:15 pm. Hike through the woods or take the van to "The Bob Frost Experience."
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Quote of the Day	"From that time on, the world was hers for the reading. She would never be lonely again, never miss the lack of intimate friends. Books became her friends and there was one for every mood. There was poetry for quiet companionship. There was adventure when she tired of quiet hours. There would be love stories when she came into adolescence and when she wanted to feel a closeness to someone she could read a biography. On that day when she first knew she could read, she made a vow to read one book a day as long as she lived." — Betty Smith, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

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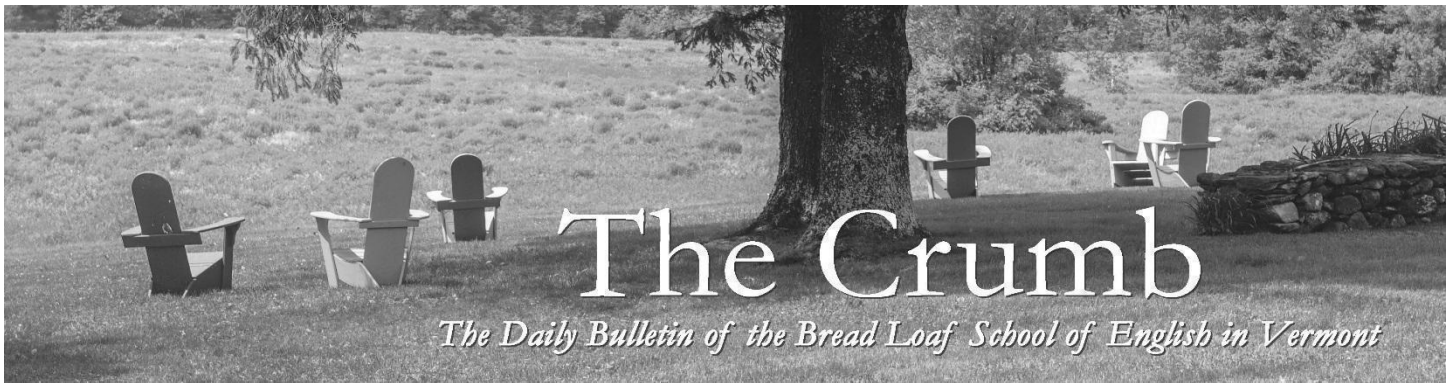

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Monday, August 1, 2022

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Weather Report: It should be a beautiful day on the mountain today, with highs in the low 80s and very little chance of rain (unless, of course, it rains!). Get out in the meadow and dance to celebrate Lughnasa! Or you can simply read the play *Dancing at Lughnasa* by Brian Friel.	**PCR Testing** 12-2 pm/Milkhouse **Robert Frost Cabin Tour** 5:15 pm/Meet on Inn Porch **Open Dress Rehearsal** 7:30 pm/Little Theater **Faculty Film** 7:30 pm/Barn 101 **Faculty Reading: Bob Sullivan** 7:45 pm/Big Tent **Reception** 8:45 pm/Big Tent	**Open Dress Rehearsal** 7:30 pm/Little Theater **Students of Color Meeting** 7:30 pm/Treman Porch **Blue Parlor** 8:30 pm/Big Tent	**Covid Q & A** 11:30 am/Zoom **Wine + Cheese** 5 pm/Barn ***Jane Eyre* Opening Night** 7:30 pm/Little Theater **Faculty Film** 8 pm/Barn	**PCR Testing** 12-2 pm/Milkhouse ***Johnny Eyre* Opening Night** 7:30 pm/Little Theater	**Bread Loaf History Talk** 10:30 am/Davis Family Library on the College campus **Porch Concert** After Lunch/Picnic Lawn **Tai Chi** 4 pm/Meet at the Barn ***Jane Eyre*** 7:30 pm/Little Theater **Faculty Film** 8 pm/Barn

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Faculty Reading: Bob Sullivan in the Big Tent @ 7:45 pm
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Q: What's your favorite Q&A?
A: Probably the Q&A between Alcuin, the tutor to Charlemagne, and Pippin, Charlemagne's son, after Charlemagne rediscovered the Socratic method as a teaching tool. A sample:

PIPPIN: What is a letter?
ALCUIN: The guardian of history.
PIPPIN: What is a word?
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ALCUIN: The tongue.
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ALCUIN: The guardian of life.
PIPPIN: What is life?
ALCUIN: The joy of the blessed, the sorrow of the miserable, the expectation of death.
PIPPIN: What is death?
ALCUIN: The inevitable issue, an uncertain pilgrimage, the tears of the living, the thief of man.
PIPPIN: What is man?
ALCUIN: The possession of death, a transient wayfarer, a guest.
PIPPIN: How is man situated?
ALCUIN: Like a lantern in the wind.

Q: Anything we should know about tonight?
A: That I'll talk about the weather, an island that isn't there, and the book I wrote about a Civil War photographer who went West after the war who happens to have the same last name as me: Timothy O'Sullivan. You probably know his war photos, the most famous being the Gettysburg photo, "Harvest of Death." If you want to see the photo I am thinking about for tonight, you might search the following: "Desert Sand Hills near Sink of Carson, Nevada" and Getty Museum. Or just click this link: https://www.getty.edu/art/collection/object/1045Q3

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– Questions? Contact Kellam Ayres, Liaison to the Bread Loaf Programs (kayres@middlebury.edu)

Smile and Say Bread Loaf
Bread Loaf has hired a videographer, Chris Spencer, to get updated footage of the Vermont campus and to interview several students as part of our marketing campaign. We'll be producing a series of very short videos that will accompany some digital advertising this fall and winter to help offer a window into the experience and impact of Bread Loaf for students with a variety of backgrounds and professional objectives.

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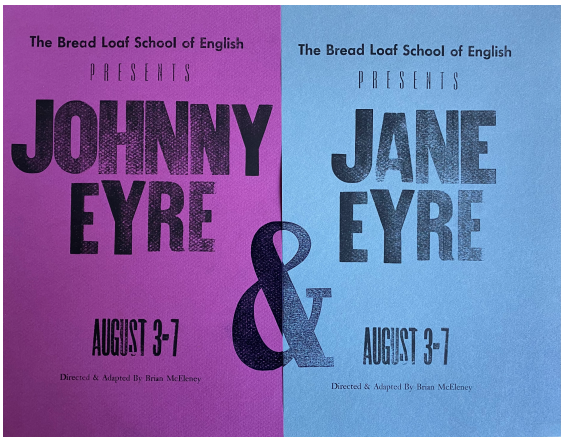
A Look Ahead	 **Tickets are available for *Jane Eyre* and *Johnny Eyre*** The shows run August 3-7. *Jane Eyre* performances will be Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 pm, as well as Saturday at 2 pm. *Johnny Eyre* performances will be Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7:30 pm. In addition to these performance dates, there will be open dress rehearsals of *Jane Eyre* on Monday, August 1, and *Johnny Eyre* on Tuesday, August 2; both rehearsals will be held at 7:30 pm. All are welcome; no tickets will be issued for the dress rehearsals. Please be aware that performances are closed to outside visitors and open only to the Bread Loaf community and approved faculty family members. Due to language and subject matter, children under 16 will not be admitted to performances of *Johnny Eyre*. Get your free tickets at the Front Desk! Please contact Lianna, the Theatre Manager, at lbessette@middlebury.edu with any questions. **Covid Q&A, Wednesday, August 3, 11:30 am - 12:15 pm** Mark Peluso, Chief Health Officer for Middlebury College, will give a brief overview of the Covid landscape and then take questions. Zoom link — to join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: https://middlebury.zoom.us/j/93407327572?pwd=OHR6MkFzZlVSMzB3dTU3N21pK3Mydz09 Password: blse2022 **RESCHEDULED Bread Loaf History Talk – Friday, August 5 @ 10:30 am** You can take a grand tour through more than 100 years of Bread Loaf history in just one hour at the Davis Family Library at Middlebury College. Archivist Danielle Rougeau, who curated an ambitious exhibition in honor of the BLSE Centennial, has invited Bread Loafers to an informal walkthrough of the exhibition. RSVP https://forms.gle/ZDcbiru13NhXCPmB9. **Upcoming Faculty Films: Movie Knights II and III** Wednesday, August 3 @ 8 pm in the Barn, Mark Rasmussen presents the classic that needs no introduction — *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* — for his class and the community.

	Friday, August 5 @ 8 pm in the Barn: In the final Movie Knight this summer, Mark Rasmussen presents *The Green Knight* (2021). David Lowery's film from last summer is a re-telling of the medieval romance *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, which many of you have read. It stars Dev Patel as Gawain, with Alicia Vikander in a virtuoso double role as Gawain's two lovers. This is really an auteur project on Lowery's part: he wrote the screenplay, directed the film, and produced it for A24. If you are looking for a film that is faithful to the original poem, you won't find it here — Lowery is turning the medieval work into something new, inflecting it with his intentions. The film's relation to the Arthurian tradition is quite canny and self-aware, more so than critics have recognized, and its cinematography, special effects (almost entirely without CGI), and sound design make watching *The Green Knigh*t an immersive experience. **Friday, August 5, After-Lunch Porch Concert** You are all very welcome to come to the back of the Inn (i.e., the picnic lawn), where the class entitled "Elements of the Ballad," and the mapping classes are hosting musician Keith Murphy. Keith's bio: "A native of Newfoundland, Keith's traditional song repertoire is based in Eastern Canada and Quebec as well as his current home, Vermont. His direct and intimate style of traditional singing in English and French infuses old ballads and songs with a powerful immediacy while his rhythmic and percussive finger style of guitar playing brings new shape and color to his songs." His recordings include *Land of Fish and Seals*(2018), *Suffer No Loss* (2014), and *Bound for Canaan: Traditional Songs from Eastern Canada and New England*. Keith is a faculty member of the Brattleboro, Vermont, Music Center's Northern Roots Traditional Music Festival, which he founded in 2008, and lives in Brattleboro, and is, according to several trusted sources, a really great singer and player.
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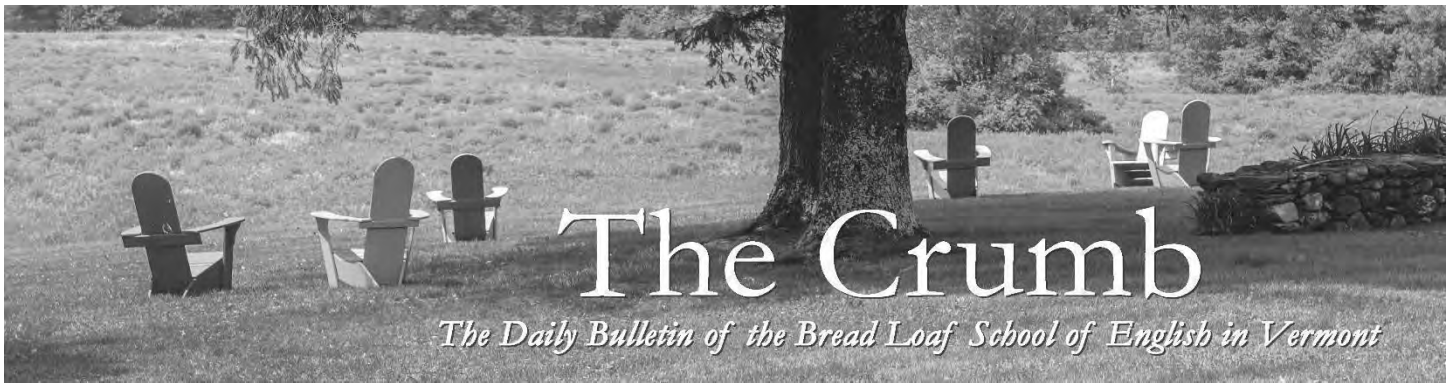

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Tuesday, August 2, 2022

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Happening Today

Dress Rehearsal, *Johnny Eyre* @ 7:30 pm
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Blue Parlor in the Big Tent @ 8:30 pm
The theme for tonight's reading is "place." Readers are encouraged to read a piece about Bread Loaf.

Last day to pick up your pre-ordered T-shirts
Bring yourself and your cash or check to the Dining Tent (Dining Hall if it rains) during lunchtime. Tomorrow begins the sale of remaining inventory.

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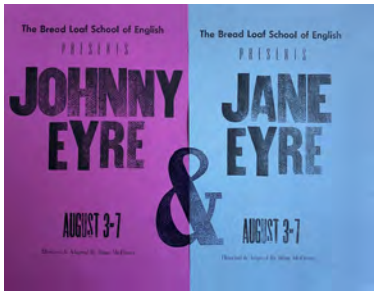

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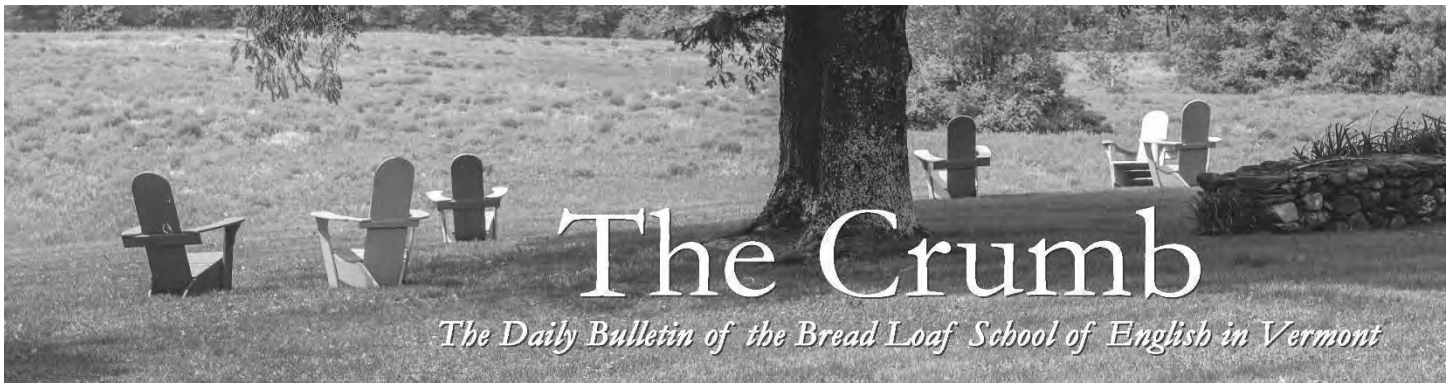

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Weather Report: It looks to be a bright sunshiny day today, with clouds moving in later in the day. Do take advantage of it, if you can. It's easy enough to type while sitting in an Adirondack chair. Wear sunblock or a jaunty hat.	**Covid Q&A** 11:30 am/Zoom **Wine + Cheese** 5 pm/Barn ***Jane Eyre*** **Opening Night** 7:30 pm/Little Theater **Faculty Film** 8 pm/Barn	**PCR Testing** 12-2 pm/Milkhouse ***Johnny Eyre*** **Opening Night** 7:30 pm/Little Theater	**Bread Loaf History Talk** 10:30 am/Davis Family Library on the College campus **Porch Concert** After Lunch/Picnic Lawn **Tai Chi** 4 pm/Meet at the Barn ***Jane Eyre*** 7:30 pm/Little Theater **Faculty Film** 8 pm/Barn	**Charlie Orr 5K** 9 am/Johnson Pond **Hike: Spirit & Nature Trails** 10 am/Meet at the Front Desk ***Jane Eyre*** 2 pm/Little Theater ***Johnny Eyre*** 7:30 pm/Little Theater **Reception Celebrating the Theater Program** 9:30 pm/Big Tent	**Super-informal Running Club** 10 am/Annex Porch **Talkback** 2 pm/Big Tent

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You know the drill: show up, sip, nibble. Ahhhhh.

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You can help to recruit new Bread Loafers

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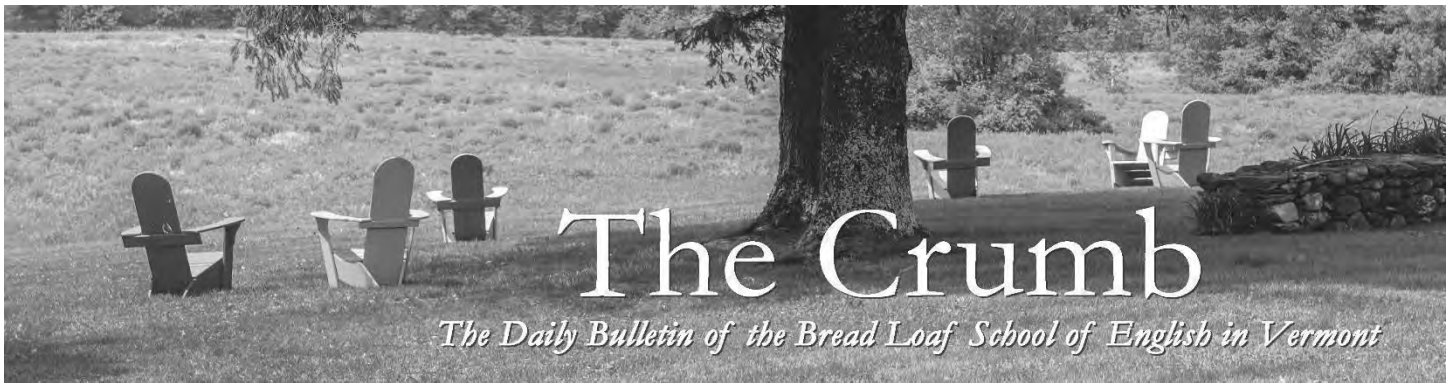

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Thursday, August 4, 2022

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I came to say
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I'm glad I came
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Quote of the Day	To read a book well, one should read it as if one were writing it. Begin not by sitting on the bench among the judges but by standing in the dock with the criminal. Be his fellow worker, become his accomplice. Even, if you wish merely to read books, begin by writing them. — Virginia Woolf, *How Should One Read a Book?*

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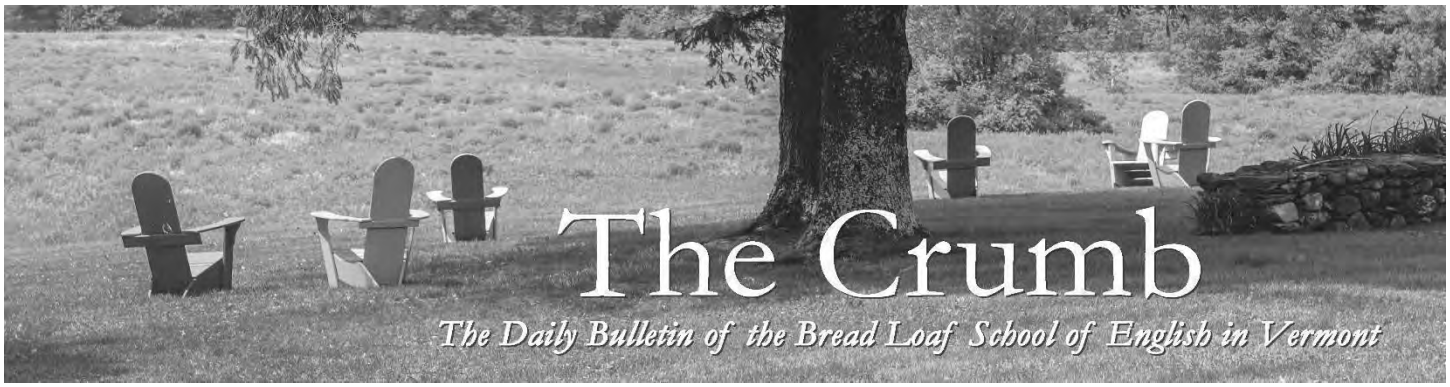

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Friday/Saturday/Sunday, August 5-7, 2022

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	Blue Parlor at 8:30 pm in the Big Tent on Tuesday, August 9 This week's theme is "continuity and change." If you have already had the opportunity to read this summer, please wait to sign up until Tuesday to give others the chance to sign up first; if there are still spots day-of, you are welcome to sign up! The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the dining room.
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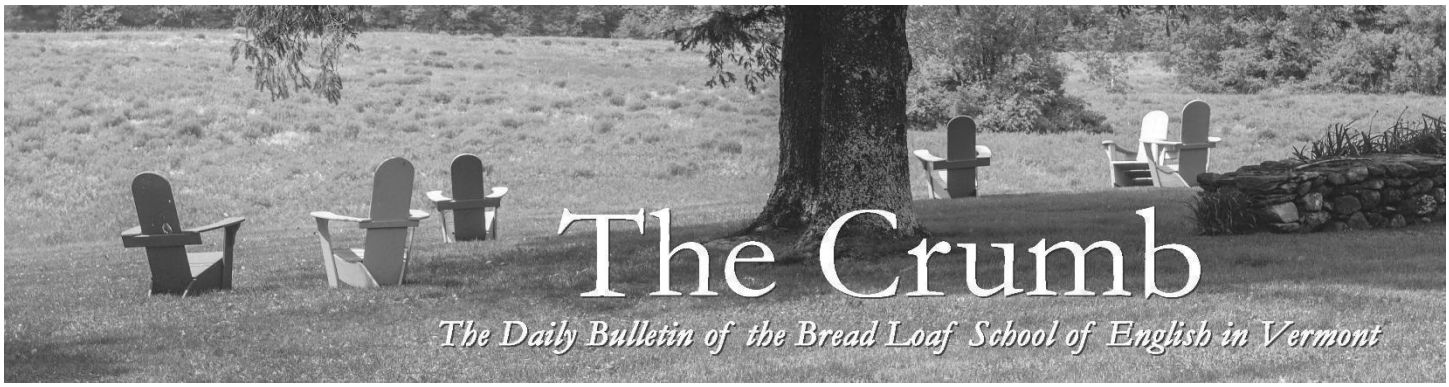

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OVERVIEW	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Today's Weather Report: How many ways can you spell HOT? Chance of thunderstorms later today. Stay cool. Be cool.	**PCR Testing** 12-2 pm/Milkhouse **A Community Conversation** 5 pm/Barn	**Final Day of Classes** **Blue Parlor** 8:30 pm/Big Tent	**Students Depart** by 5 pm/to parts unknown

Happening Monday, Tuesday

About Us, For Us: A Community Conversation — Monday, August 8, 5-6:30 pm, in the Barn

With invitations & engagements from the 2022 CCC (Curriculum for Change Collaboration) on the Bread Loaf Vermont Campus

Come learn about the new CCC (Curriculum for Change Collaboration) initiative at Bread Loaf that is a part of the larger 7-year funded Conflict Transformation initiative at Middlebury College.

The BLSE-CCC members will share a snapshot of what they did this summer and also engage everyone attending in some activities and invitations. We'll end with an important conversation about "next year" --and the years following that too.

We'd love to have you be a part of this conversation. The event will also be live-streamed so consider joining us in that way too!

Useful links:
- Agenda
- 45 Ideas document
- Streamtext link for captions to "listen in" better
- Live-stream link

Blue Parlor at 8:30 pm in the Big Tent on Tuesday, August 9
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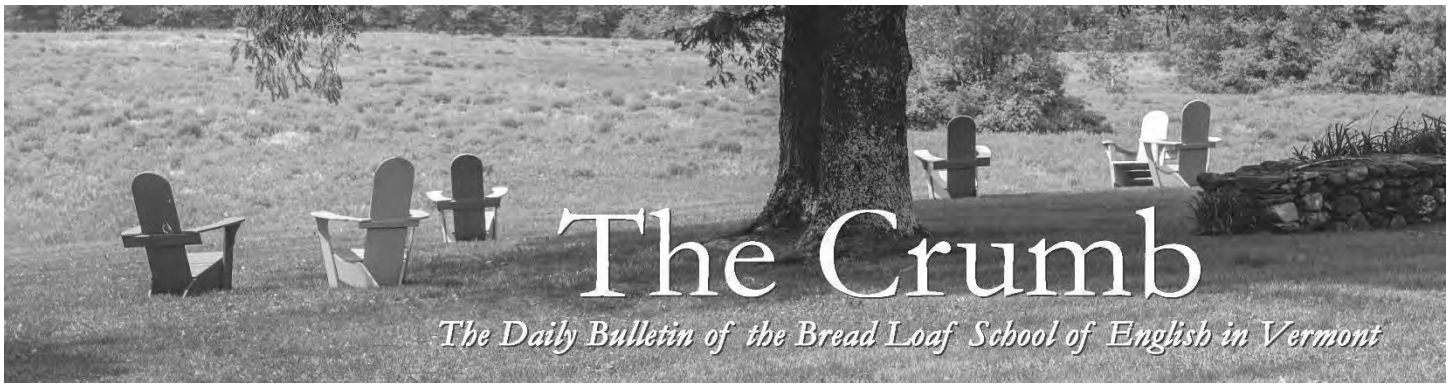
Announcements	**Bread Loafers: We Miss You Already (and You're Not Even Gone)** Drop by the Front Desk or email BLFD@middlebury.edu to let the staff know the date and time of your departure. ★ **Students**: Departure time is Wednesday, August 10 by 5 pm for all students, except Seniors and those whose Bread Loaf jobs require that they stay. ★ **Seniors**: Depart by 5 pm on Saturday, August 13. ★ **BLSE Faculty and Staff**: Depart by 11 am on Sunday, August 14. **Returning library books, citation help, and library access after the summer** • Yes, you can return your library books from all branches (including interlibrary loan items) at the Davison (Bread Loaf) library. • Remember that we can help you with any final citation questions, in person or via go/cite/ • If you have re-enrolled for next summer, your access to online library materials will continue through the school year even when you're off-campus. Simply visit the Library homepage (go.middlebury.edu/library/) to begin your search for library materials. Don't forget your Midd credentials, which you'll need to access online resources. – Questions? Contact Kellam Ayres, Liaison to the Bread Loaf Programs (kayres@middlebury.edu)
COVID Moment	One individual has tested positive and is now recovering in isolation. We thank them for notifying us immediately. The CDC's most recent information is available here. Remember, you can always email BLSE@middlebury.edu with Covid-related questions, and your question will be routed quickly to the person who can best answer you.
Quote of the Day	"Reading makes immigrants of us all. It takes us away from home, but more important, it finds homes for us everywhere." — Jean Rhys, author of *The Wide Sargasso Sea,* published in 1966 as the prequel to *Jane Eyre.*

Do you have news? An event? Submit the who/what/when/where/why and how to your devoted Crumb staff at blsecrumb2022@gmail.com before 10:15 am EDT on the desired day of publication.



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Announcements	**Poetry and Fiction Prizes Awarded** The Robert Haiduke Poetry Contest winners are: First Prize — *The First Year* by Keely Hendricks Second Prize — *the lilacs with you* by Caitlin T.D. Robinson Third Prize — *Passed* by Mariella Saavedra And, *Flood*, by Bo Lewis, is the winner of this summer's Fiction Contest. Congratulations, writers! Readers, click here. **Revised Dining Hours, Wednesday to Saturday, August 10-13** — Breakfast: 7-8 am — Lunch: 12-1 pm — Dinner: 5:30-6:30 pm And, if you're still around on Sunday morning, August 14, coffee will be available before you skedaddle. **Seniors, Your Regalia is Ready for Retrieval** Visit the Front Desk to pick up your robes, any time after dinner on Tuesday. Sartorial tip: Hang your robe ASAP to get rid of the wrinkles. It's your big day – look your best for the photos! **For Your Bookshelf** Copies of *The Bread Loaf Journal* are available in the dining room and by the main entrance to the Inn. Please feel free to grab a copy and enjoy this year's publication! The *Journal* also is available online.

Hat Tip to the Front Desk Team

How do we begin? Maybe at the end. We will miss you, and very much appreciate all you have done to make our first post-pandemic Bread Loaf summer a reality. It was soooo comforting to arrive at Bread Loaf and to find you all at your posts in the Inn — the hub of our summer universe. Thank you (in alphabetical order): Edward, Kali, MacNair, Matt, Peter, and — of course — Victoria. Among the many challenges you handled with aplomb was the important care and feeding of the Covid-stricken members of our community. Thankfully, they have all recovered, and we are grateful to you. Please know that we appreciate all you do. And, good luck with the Writers' Conference!

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The Librarian Says:

- Please **return your library books** from all branches to the Davison (Bread Loaf) library.
- We can help you with any final **citation** questions, in person or via go/cite/.
- We'd love to hear your suggestions for **new books to add to the permanent collection** at Davison Library — poetry, fiction, nonfiction, plays, and books on pedagogy, literary theory and criticism, and writing craft. Suggestions for updated editions and translations are also welcome! The form is available at go/BLpurchase/
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- To everyone: please **stay in touch** and have a wonderful year! Kellam is available year-round to assist the Bread Loaf community. Contact her at kayres@middlebury.edu.
- Safe travels back home!

There's Always BreadWeb

We welcome and encourage Bread Loafers to stay connected on BreadWeb this year. Since the summer groups will have quieted, you may want to use the Cyberbarn or BLTN general groups to reach your audiences.

If you have questions, or suggestions for improving our use of BreadWeb, please reach out to Tom McKenna directly via a BreadWeb direct message or emailing him: tpmckenn@middlebury.edu.

A Poem for Today

Life After Bread Loaf by Bread Loafer David Emory

I've overstayed my welcome.

First they dismantle the set:
that imagined landscape
that took shape
week by week,

a nowhere becoming a somewhere,

now unscrewed,
pried up,
torn down,
stripped out,
carted off to a little pile of lumber and fabric
behind the Barn.

Then the reserve books:
anthologies, analyses,
stacked, boxed,
trucked down to town.
The regular books too.

White
shelves
now
empty
of ideas.

I didn't expect the Barn to go,
but
down
it
comes,
beam
by
beam
all numbered and stacked.

The Inn too,
starting with the bell.
Adirondack chairs,
tennis nets,
the flag pole,
the stone wall.

All gone. Even the bugs.

And here I stand
in the middle of nowhere
that was once somewhere.

But wait a minute.
That's my car.

You'll have to move it, they say.
We're rolling up the meadow.

In my rear view mirror,
They start unscrewing the trees.

And that's a wrap for Volume 100 of *The Crumb*. Thanks for reading.